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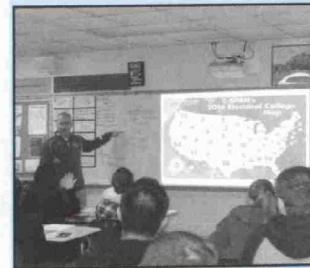
Classmates became more than the people seated next to you when friendships were formed.



Sapphires dedicated more than performance time to make their dance routines perfect.



Spirit week brought students to school in more than the daily attire when pajama day was implemented.



Teachers presented more than just standards in the classroom when they provided real life lessons.



Each portraying their own style of being a Trojan, students exhibit that they are each more than just a student here at Highland High School. They are independent, beautiful, creative, wise, soft-spoken, active, friendly, kind, loving and unique. They are each one of a kind. **Photo By:** Matthew Mendoza

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Student
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Freshmen: 287
Sophomores: 297
Juniors: 276
Seniors: 277
Staff: 116

Principal:
Dr. Patrick Weil
Assistant Principals:
Mr. Justin Fronek
Mr. Andrew Locke



Caught in the Spirit of Homecoming, junior classmates filled the bleachers for the annual fall pep rally. **Escaping a monotonous Friday** Trojans gather for the first home football game of the season. **Page By:** Samantha Colbert **Pictures Provided By:** Ms. Sherri Ralph



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August 15, 2016 was a day that was more than any other ordinary day. Seniors entered the building with heads held high knowing this was their last first day of their secondary education tenure, while young freshmen were lost on which way to turn down the hallways filled with classmates. No matter the grade, the students all entered the school year with the intent to make it more than just any another school year. Being surrounded by friends made students feel more comfortable and the ability to adapt to the new surroundings was easier for the new freshmen.

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Juniors knew that this year was an important year because GPAs needed to be raised as college applications were just a mere year away. Finally, sophomores had the general idea of how to push their mindset to make this year more successful than their last. While we all push to strive for different goals, in the end Trojans prepare to make this year more than memorable. We each strive to make ourselves more than a face in the hallway. We each want more than one to know our stories while our athletic teams know that their season is more than the game you attend. Our academic clubs put in more than just time to prepare for their competitions. And our lives are more than what we present. This year is more than just a school year.





With arms outstretched towards each other, the senior football players and managers prepared to greet the National Guard for a flag ceremony prior to kickoff against Kankakee Valley High School. **Sent out of the class**, environmental students participated in a three day trip to the Indiana Dunes to complete conservation studies and research. **Page By:**
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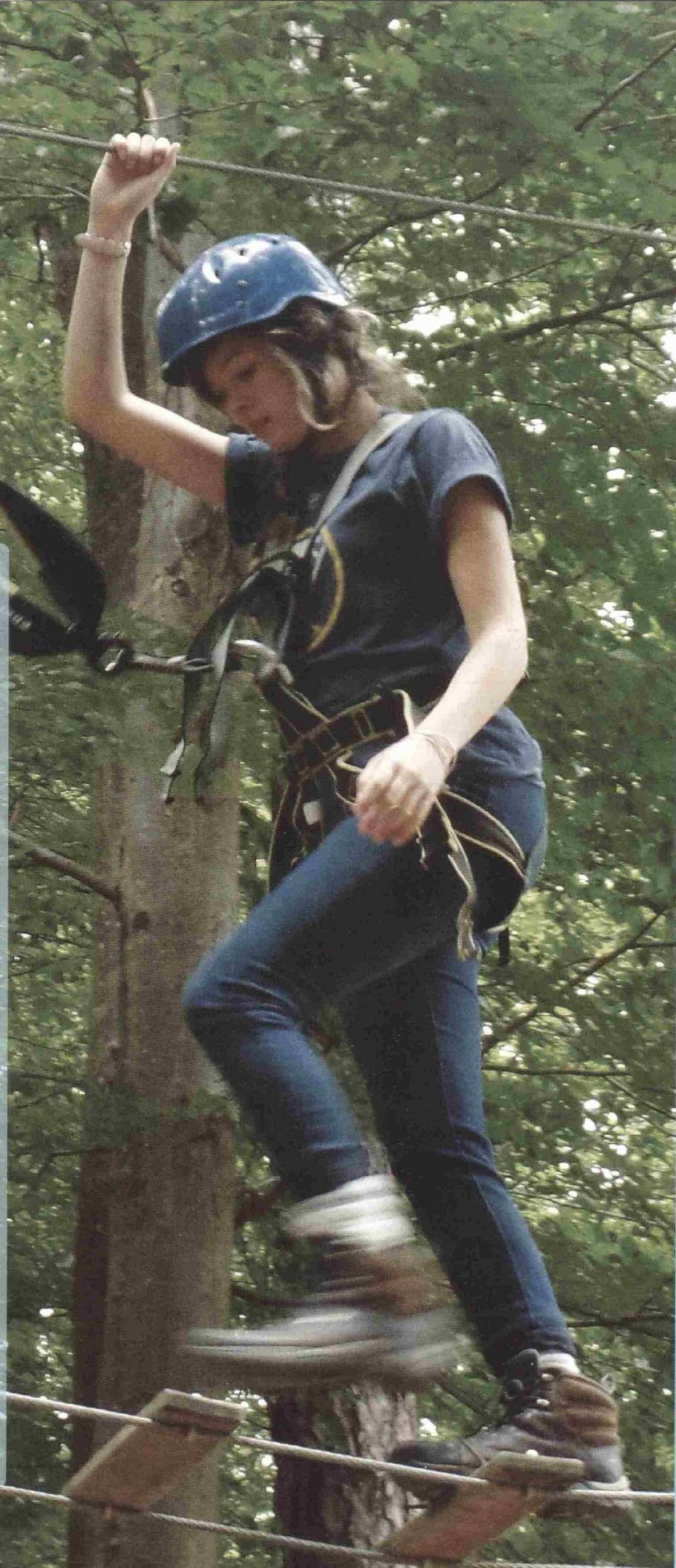
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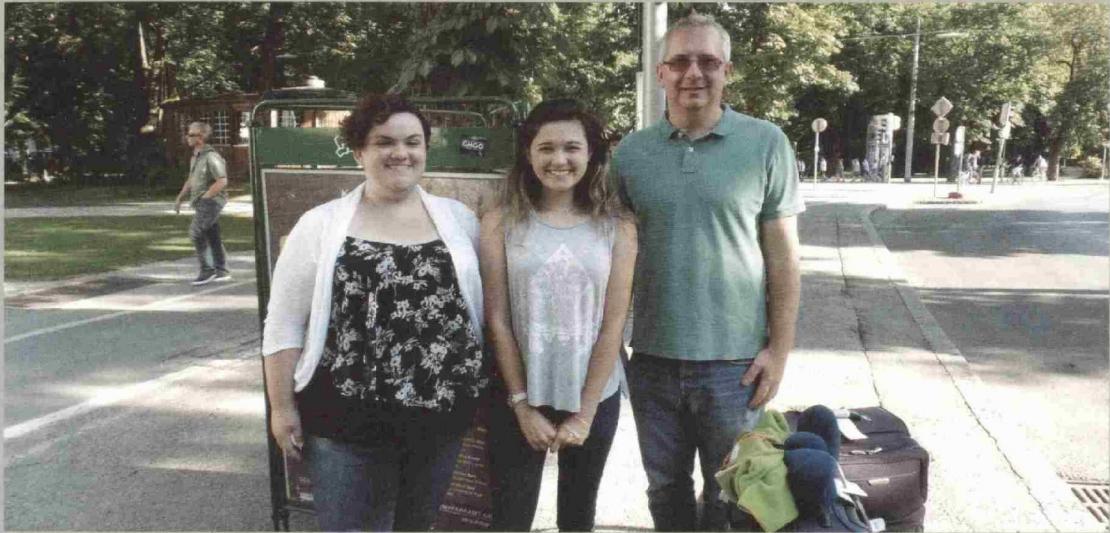
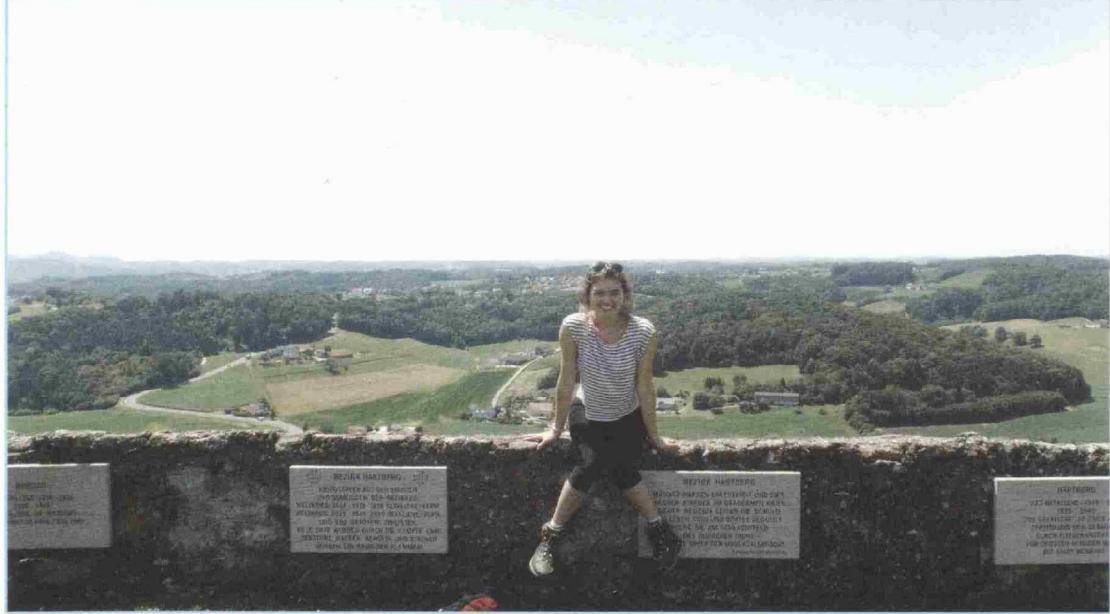
The Experience of a Lifetime

Natalie Szabo (12) was able to travel to Austria during the summer of 2016 through Indiana University's honors program recommended by Frau Brittney Delariva, her German teacher here at Highland High School. While in Austria, Szabo stayed in Graz, which is the second largest city in Austria. During a six week visit, Szabo lived with a host family and another student in the program who happened to be from Carmel, Indiana. It was a requirement to only use the german language, as the english language was not allowed to be spoken. "I was able to do normal family things while there, but I was also able to do other tourist like activities. One of our adventures was hiking to a chocolate factory which took one hour to get there." This trip opened Szabo's mind because it exposed her to the other culture and gave her the opportunity to be away from her parents for the first time. This experience prepared her for what college life will be like. "Without hesitation I would tell others to take this opportunity, as it is one that you would never be able to replicate again."

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Photos Provided by Natalie Szabo





Without hesitation, Natalie Szabo (12) climbed across a maze with her cooperative group while visiting Austria. **Stopping to take** in the view, Szabo took a break after a long and extensive hiking trip.

Accompanied by her host family, Szabo was excited for her six week visit to this foreign land. **On a mission** to get to the chocolate factory, Szabo hiked over one hour. **With her eyes on** her guide, Szabo worked her way through the obstacles with safety gear on.





Over the summer, Juan Quintanilla (10) went to Mexico to run his grandfather's ranch. Quintanilla was left in charge when his grandfather passed away.

This unfortunate event brought along some unexpected benefits. "I was able to ride horses and herd cattle. It was the first time I wore boot spurs and I felt like a real cowboy." Although Quintanilla was upset about his grandfather's passing, working the ranch was a life altering experience that he will not soon forget.



Over the summer, Rudi Spreene (9) went to Latvia, which is a small, European coastal country in the Baltic Sea. Spreene traveled with a group of about 20 people,

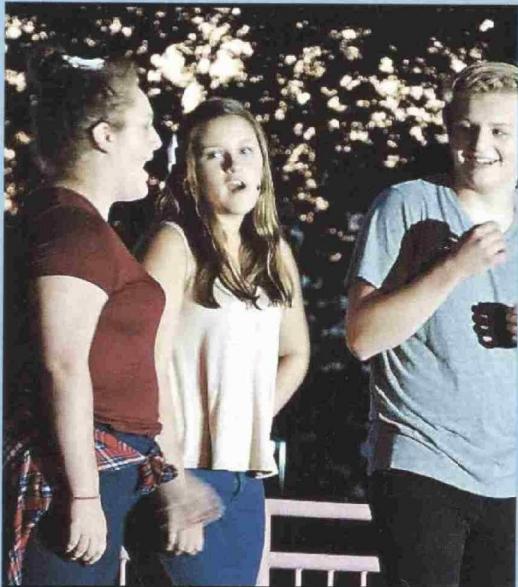
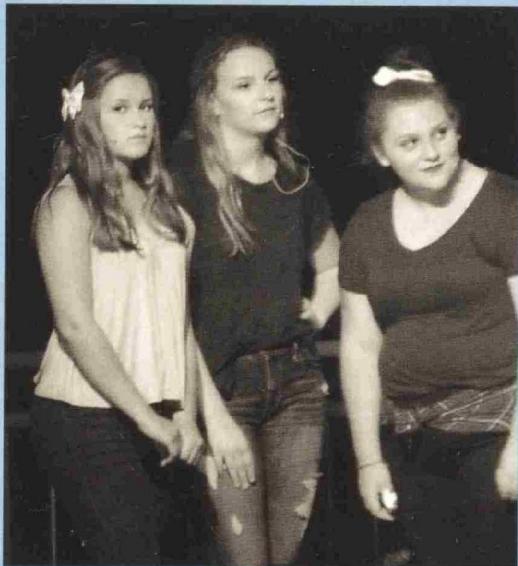
including his twin brother, Martis Spreene (9), to see the sights. As a native to Latvia, he traveled back due to the great opportunity and because of his desire to visit again. When asked his favorite part of the trip, Spreene stated, "I liked hanging out in the various hotels across the country and just having fun in general with all of the people I was with." Spreene was very grateful for this experience. "It was memorable because I have seen more amazing things on that two week trip than many people will see in their lifetimes."

The Most Awaited Time of the Year: SUMMER.

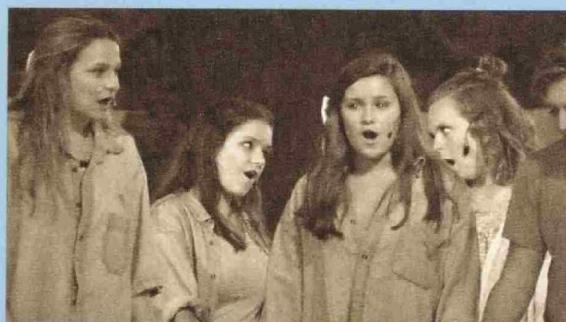
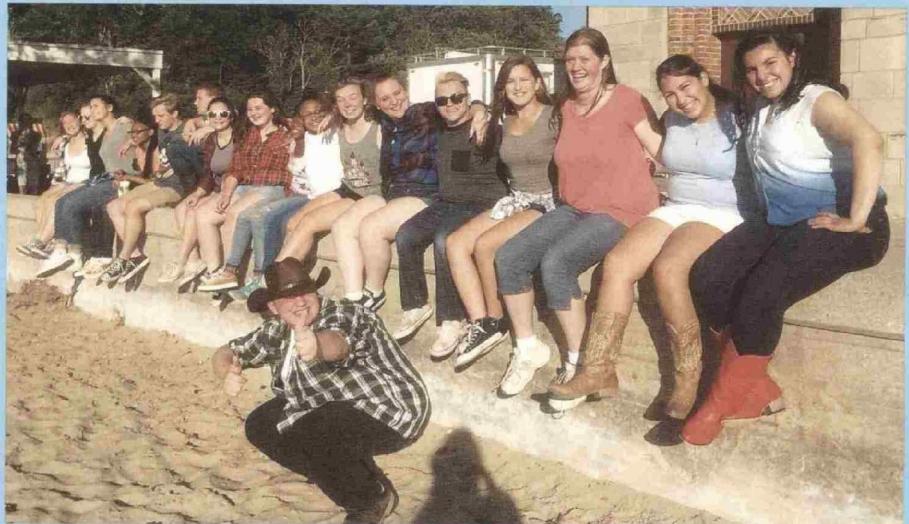
It was a long deserved break and students everywhere took advantage of the opportunity to explore new things and relax. Here in Highland, high schoolers took that advantage to the fullest and explored their opportunities this past summer. Did you, by any chance, watch Footloose at Main Square this summer? The performance was more than just a play to the crew members and audience. Actors and actresses developed long lasting friendships, overcame challenges, and acquired new skills while the audience had the privilege to watch the spectacular performance.

The highly rated performance featured our very own high school students. The cast was made up of hard working individuals who all came together to put on the show. Emily Michalak (10) stated, "It went well under the circumstances we were in, we had an excellent turn out." The cast went through difficulties, but they were able to persevere. Although the first night the play was rained out and the wind made things difficult, that did not change the casts determination. Instead, they made the best out of all of their performances. Zoe Kim (11) had an obstacle to overcome by being a part of this show. She said, "Everyone had done plays before and it was my first time, so I was a little nervous." This challenge did not prevent her from gaining the experience of being part of a cast. Kim stated, "I would not change my decision in being a part of Footloose, even though there were some rough days the whole cast became very close." All cast members agreed that they made many friendships that they will keep and appreciate forever. **Page by: Madalyn Raudonis and Alexis Whitehead** **Photos by: Zoe Kim**

More Than a Summer Vacation



Scene by scene the cast mastered the performance with great style. **With smiling faces** and bright eyes, the Footloose cast posed for the camera. Some Highland student performers included Emily Michalak (10), Zoe Kim (11), Morgan Greathouse (11), Kayleigh Ferguson (9), Navaeh Miranda (9), David Allison (11), Kennedy Vernengo (10), and Alexander Traina (11).



Taking the stage with determination, the actors focused on their lines and actions diligently. **Focusing their eyes**, the cast members held various expressions to portray the emotions of each of their characters.

Freshmen

Class of 2020



Abigail Acres

Adam Ahmad

Analyce Alcaraz

Tyler Allen

Alissa Almaguer



Kabrea Alston

Juan Alvarado

Christopher Amador

Blaine Anderson

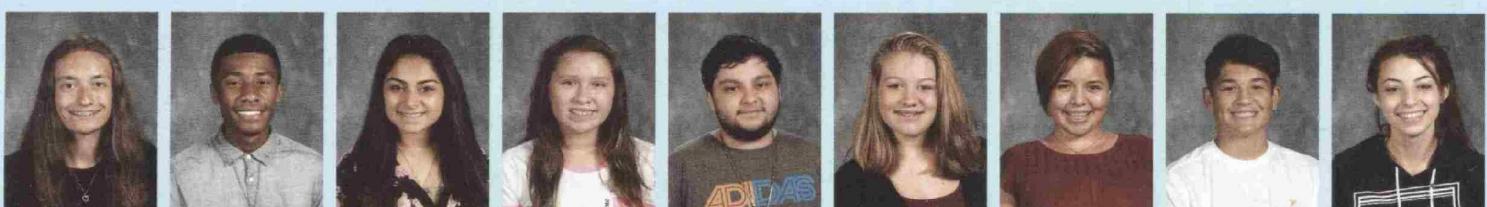
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Orlando Avila

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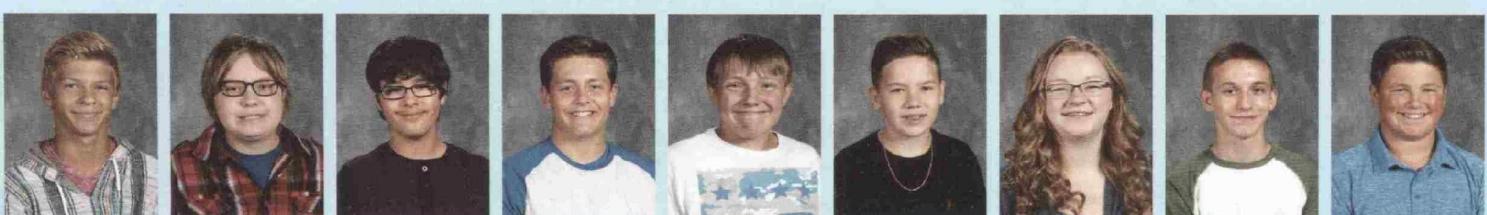
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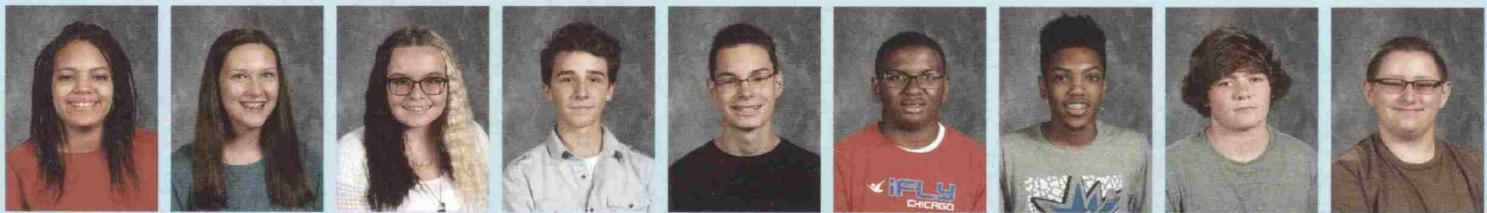
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Phillip Bock

Justin Bogner



Kaitlyn Brandon

Katherine Brankin

Saige Brewer

Logan Brock

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Khyree Brooks

Kylian Brown

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Zachary Burleson

Jada Burton

Bonnie Butler

Aidan Campbell

David Campos

Maximus Campos

Isabel Castaneda

Antonio Cerda

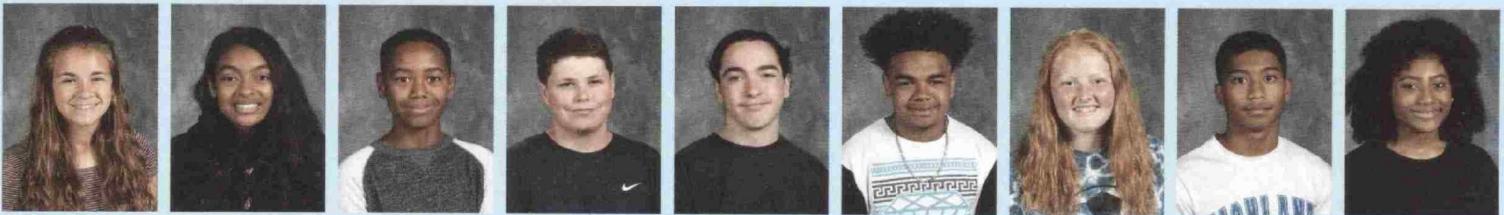
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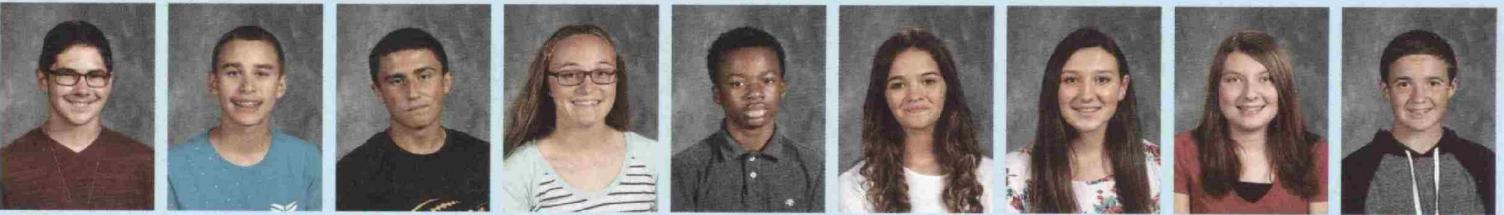
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Jeffry Farmer Kayleigh Ferguson Jacob Ferris Elena Figueroa Andrew Fink Logan Flores Zachary Frye Hannah Gallagher Mateo Garcia



Santiago Garcia Joel Gaudio Jesse Geffert Olivia Gibson Jaderrius Gilmore Grace Girman Elise Gluth Ashley Gomez Kyle Gordon



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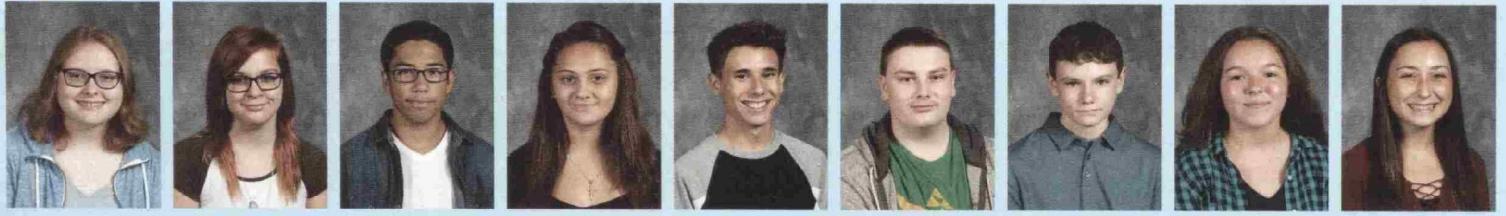
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Garret Hudnall Austin Huff Michael Ii Eleni Iliou Fidel Iniguez Noah Ireton Jessica Jackura Savana Jimenez Andrew Johnsen



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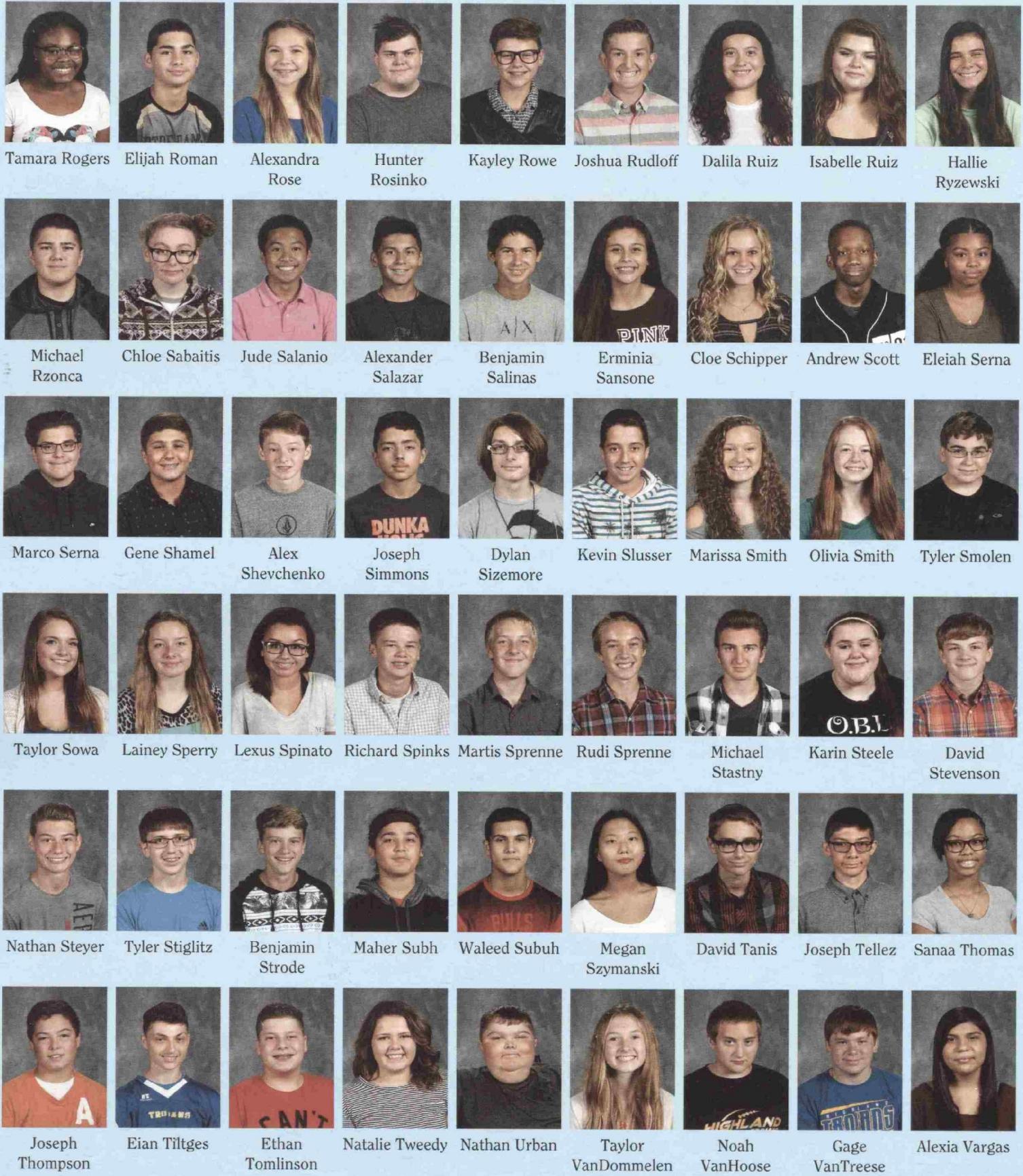


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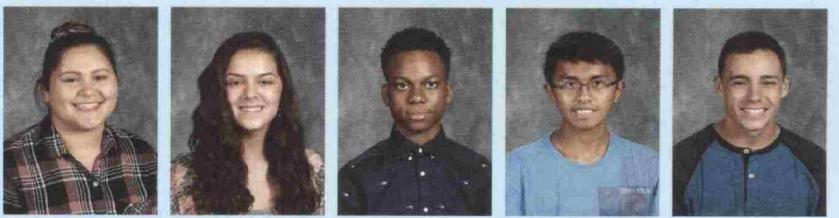


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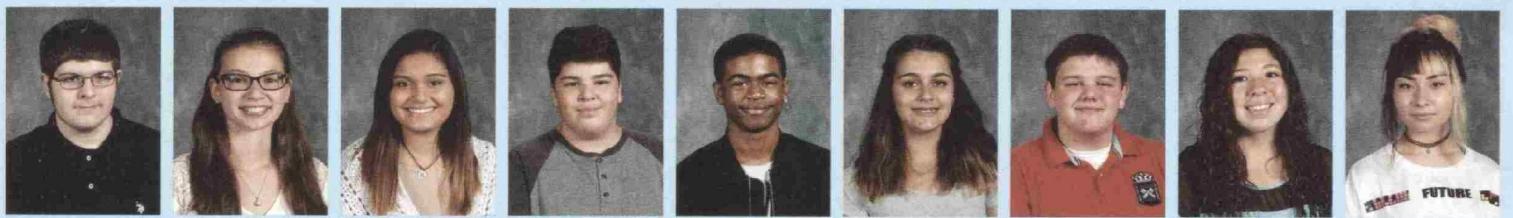


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Sophomores Class of 2019



Jacqilyn Acevez Erica Addington Wahab Akanbi Eric Alegre Mark Alvarado



Tyler Anderson Kendra Antoskiewicz Marianna Baca Daniel Bahena Na'Jee Baker Isabella Bargoz Andrew Barnebee Brianna Barrios Jasmyna Bauer



Tadziu Bebout Katelyn Bedka Richard Benda Zachary Benninghoff Angel Blankenship Haley Blaundin Joshua Blythe Vincent Bovino Nehemiah Bradley



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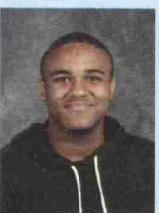
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Nolan Turoci



Jenna Turpin



Adrienne
Valdez



Morgan
Vanderlee



Dalilah
Vaquera



Jose Vazquez



Giavonna
Venturella



Kennedy
Vernengo



Noah Villa



Zachary Volom



Emily Wagner



Payton Walker



Joseph Weir



Sean Wenskus



Cassie Westfall



Austin Wheeler



Adam White



Hunter White



Di'Mond Wicks



Dionne Wilson



Nicholas
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Dylan Wolfe



Sydney Wolfe



Samantha
Wright



Kory Wyant



Joshua Yuran



Ariana Zabala



Amira Zahabi



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Juniors

Class of 2018



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Conrad Alegre



Estacia
Alejandro



Hunter
Alexander



David Allison



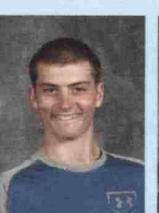
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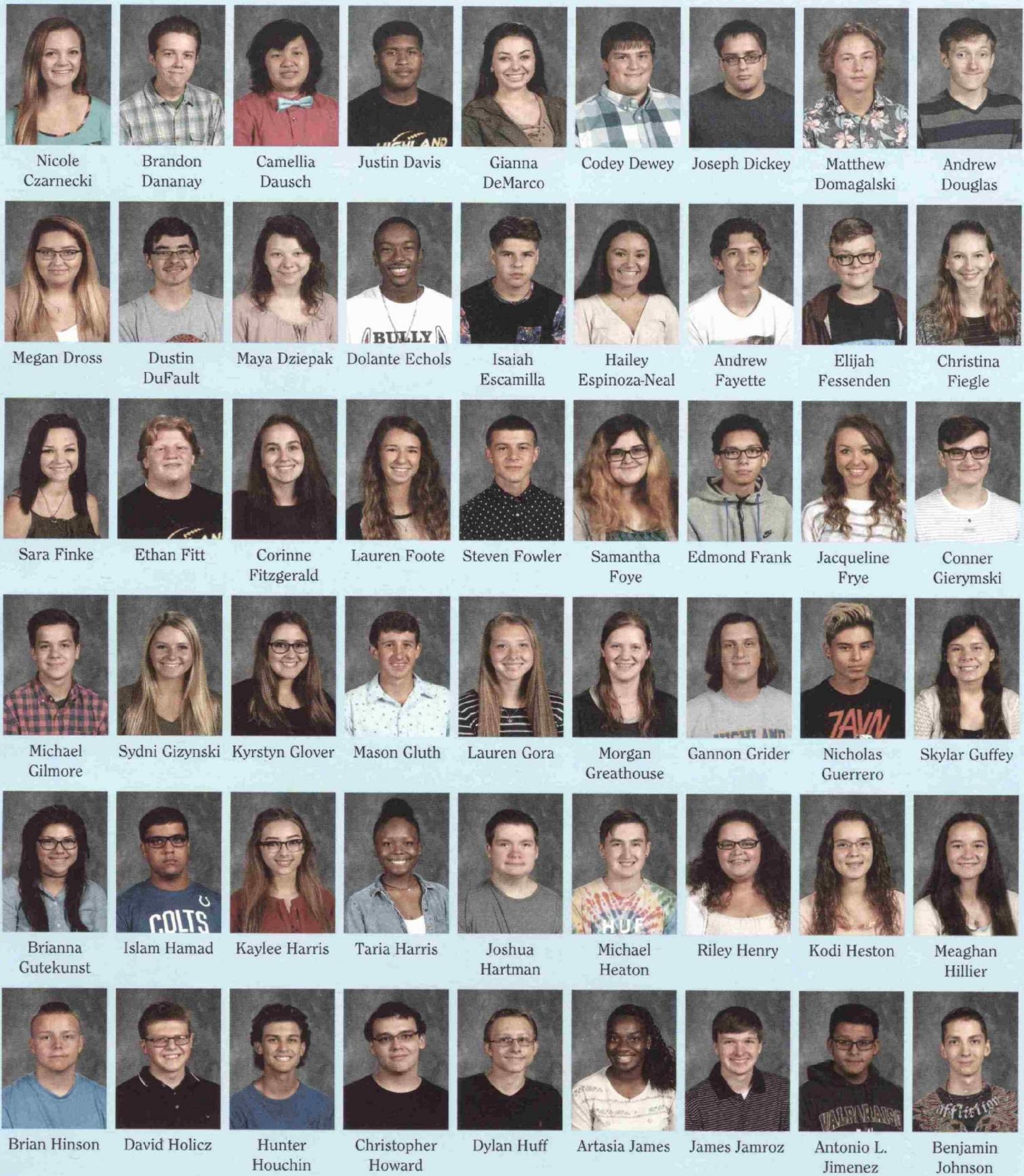
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Matthew Cotner Elias Covarrubias Kathryn Covault Casey Cox Irie Crouch Kenna Crowel Riley Cruse Benjamin Cruz Liam Curran









WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF IN FIVE YEARS?

In college studying something in the math field, like economics, or the theater field. I'd like to live in a house with my dog.

Hailey Blauw (9)

In college working for my degree in aerospace engineering and physics.

Tadziu Bebout (10)

I feel like I would be in college for engineering, probably in an apprenticeship for computer engineering.

Camellia Dausch (11)

DESCRIBE YOURSELF IN ONE WORD

“Eccentric”

David Allison (11)

“Passionate”

Angelina Baker (9)

“Quirky”

Bethany Pindrock (11)

“Robust”

Tyler Allen (9)

“Weird”

Kevin Slusser (9)

“Short”

William Horvat (9)

“Childish”

Irie Crouch (11)

“Needy”

Emily Michalak (10)

“Humorous”

Nathaniel Taillon (10)

“Extravagant”

Lee Smith (10)



Ademide Akanbi



MaryamRose Allan



Celena Alvarez



Austin Andreatta



Sofia Arrue



Vicente Ayon



Brianna Baca



Saul Balderrama



Julianne Beasley



Joshua Bennett



Zachary Bertossi



Alyssa Bettress



Amanda Bishop



Aubry Blauw



Douglas Brandon



Taylor Breidenbaugh



Nicholas Bremer



Abigail Brosseau



Allison Brown



Julie Brunt



Hunter Bryak



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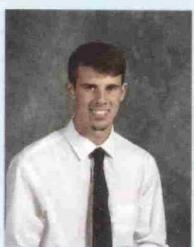
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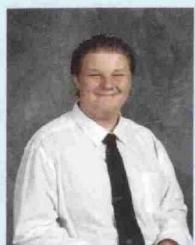
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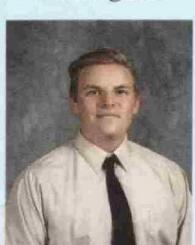
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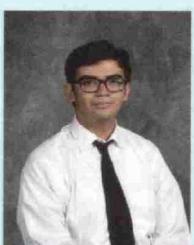
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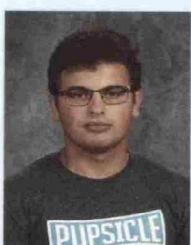
Class of 2017



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Dustan Gates



Casey Gessler



Brianne Giba



Anthony Gibson



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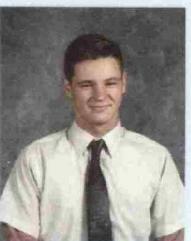
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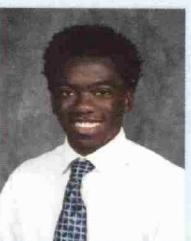
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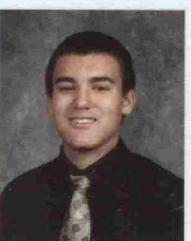
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Katherine Homrich



Ann Howard



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Jillian Hunt



Berenice Iniguez



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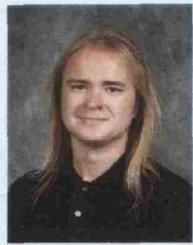
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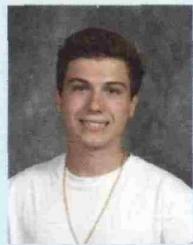
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James Lewis



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David Long



Daniela Lopez



Nicole Lukasiewicz



Anthony Machuca



Annabelle Makowski



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Angel Martinez



Alexis Martisauskas



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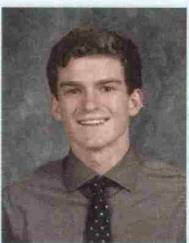
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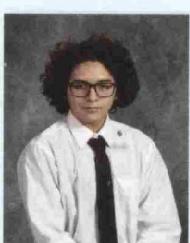
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Melanie Perez



Emily Peters



Samuel Pizzuto



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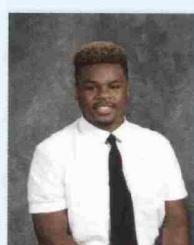
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Victoria Shamel



Alyssa Sharp



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Jeanine Suboh



Zainab Suboh



Layalee Subuh



Austin Svhlik



Jacob Sylvester



Natalie Szabo



Richard Takacs



Jorge Tapia



Logan Theisen



Jarrod Thiele



Nalen Thomas



Izabel Toro



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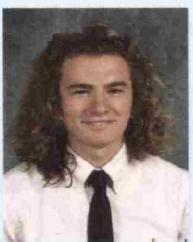
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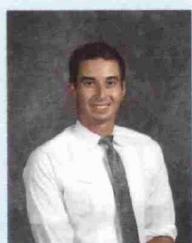
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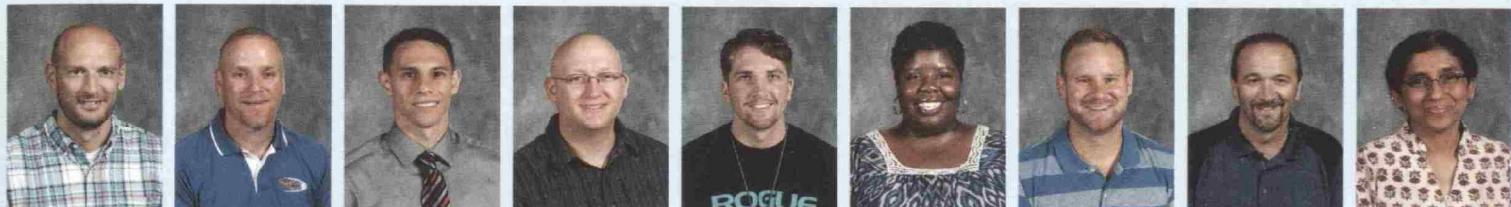
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*Once a Trojan,
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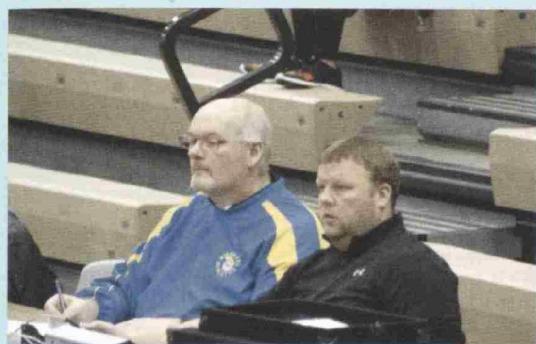


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TOP TEN TEACHERS

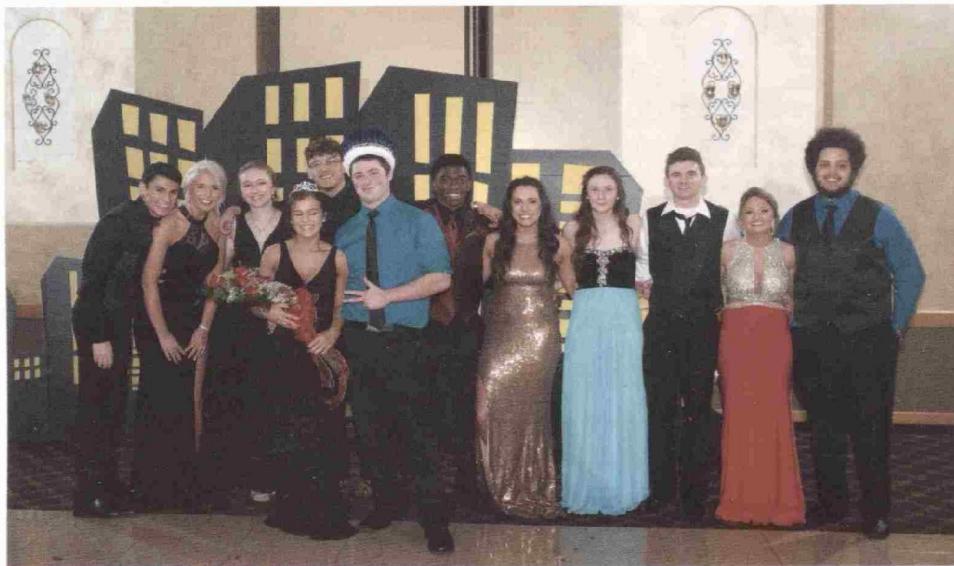
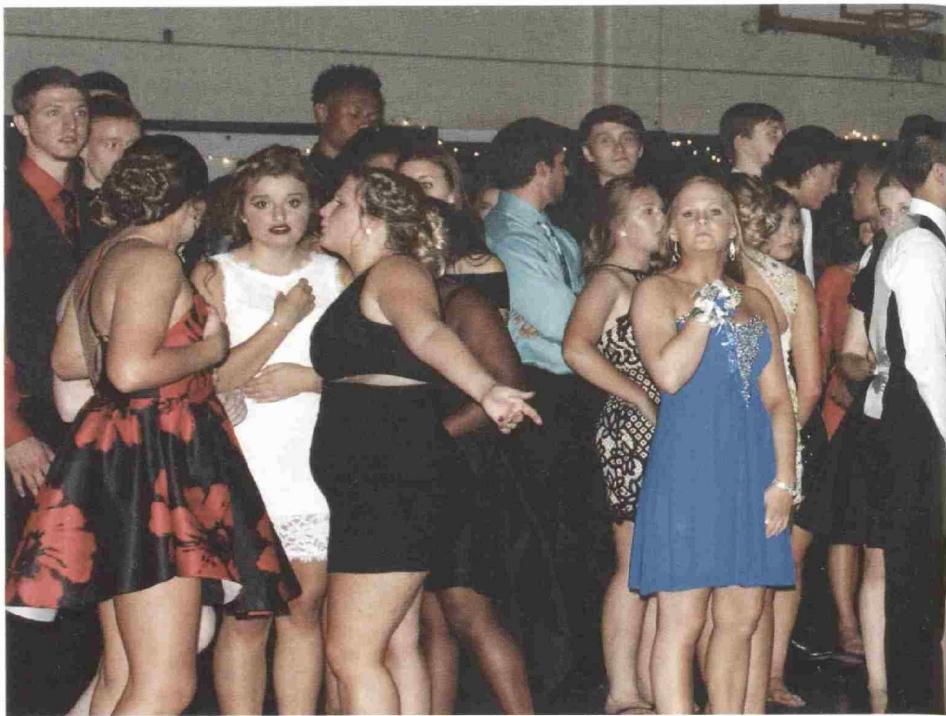
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- 8) Mr. Kirincic
- 9) Mrs. Koulianios
- 10) Mr. Schneider

Random sampling taken



In an effort to piece together history, Mr. David Bedka uses a digital presentation to help his students comprehend the effects of the war. **With a smile on his face**, Edward Pedroza (10) poses with favorite teacher, Mr. Timothy Schneider. **Before class ends** Mr. Anthony Belli checked in on the status of a project. **Taking time to assist** student athletes, Mr. Terry Pierce helped with strength programs. To help lead his students to high AP scores, Mr. Terry Steenson participated in a class discussion. **With a question**, Mackenzie Lewis (12) gets help from Mr. David Cotner. **While explaining** the culture, Mrs. Elsa Kluga shared vital information to her students. Psyched for the lesson, Mr. Christopher Kirincic raised his teaching to another level by standing on a table.

Dressed up for the Homecoming Dance, students looked their best. **Ready to go** to school, Arianna Winchell (9) and Ella Crowel (9) participated in annual back to school photos with their friends. **After the ceremony** the Turnabout Court posed for a picture with the King and Queen as crowned royalty.



Psyched for the pep rally, a group of juniors were ready to enjoy the excitement. **Page by:** DJ Mendoza **Photos by:** Zoe Kim and Ms. Sherri Ralph **Other photos provided by:** Arianna Winchell and Royce Photography

Instead of the usual day in the classroom, Grace Miedema (12), Izabel Toro (12), and Jillian Hunt (12) enjoyed some time at the beach for Environmental Science.

With her sights on the crowd, Paige Gor (10) prepared for the Sapphire routine at tailgate.

With trophies in hand Anthony Reid (9) and Conner Olah (9) celebrated their first place with in the first annual Can Jam tournament.



More Than the Story That Isn't Told



A photograph of two students sitting outdoors on a bench. One student, a girl with long blonde hair, is wearing a white sweatshirt and blue jeans, looking down at a large, open field guide book. The book is titled "Field Guide to Freshwater Insects" and includes sections like "GO BELOW TO: BEETLE LARVA" and "ALCOHOLIC EXTRACTS ON TUMBLEWEED". The other student, a boy with dark hair, is wearing a black hoodie with "ARVADA" on it, looking towards the camera. They are surrounded by trees and foliage.

How Does it Impact You to be a Part of an "A" School?

"We have more resources than other schools such as electronics. We also have teachers that care about our education."

Danielle Fowles (12)



"Attending a nationally ranked school impacts my learning by allowing me to learn more and go deeper into the topics."



School Rankings

As you pull into the parking lot of Highland High School, the electronic sign reads of several accolades earned over the recent years. "Four Star" School and an "A" rated school are two that flash through as part of the daily routine. As you enter the building, signs that display "Bronze Medal" winner and "Five Star Leadership" awards are present for all to view. They are each great publicity for visitors and guests to see, but for students and staff what do they all mean? Dr. Patrick Weil, principal, said, "Highland has been awarded rankings that compare to much larger districts in our area despite obstacles that our students face." He described how he was proud to have a diverse population of students. "We have students with impoverished backgrounds and who come from a place of need. Our reduced lunch percent is about thirty - two percent and it has increased incredibly in the last eight years." He described what he believed was some of the true pride of the school. "Some think it's all about numbers and test scores, which it is, but it also says something about the quality of the school." A school with diversity in its students is a school with the opportunity to make changes in students' lives for the better.

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Five-Star Leadership School

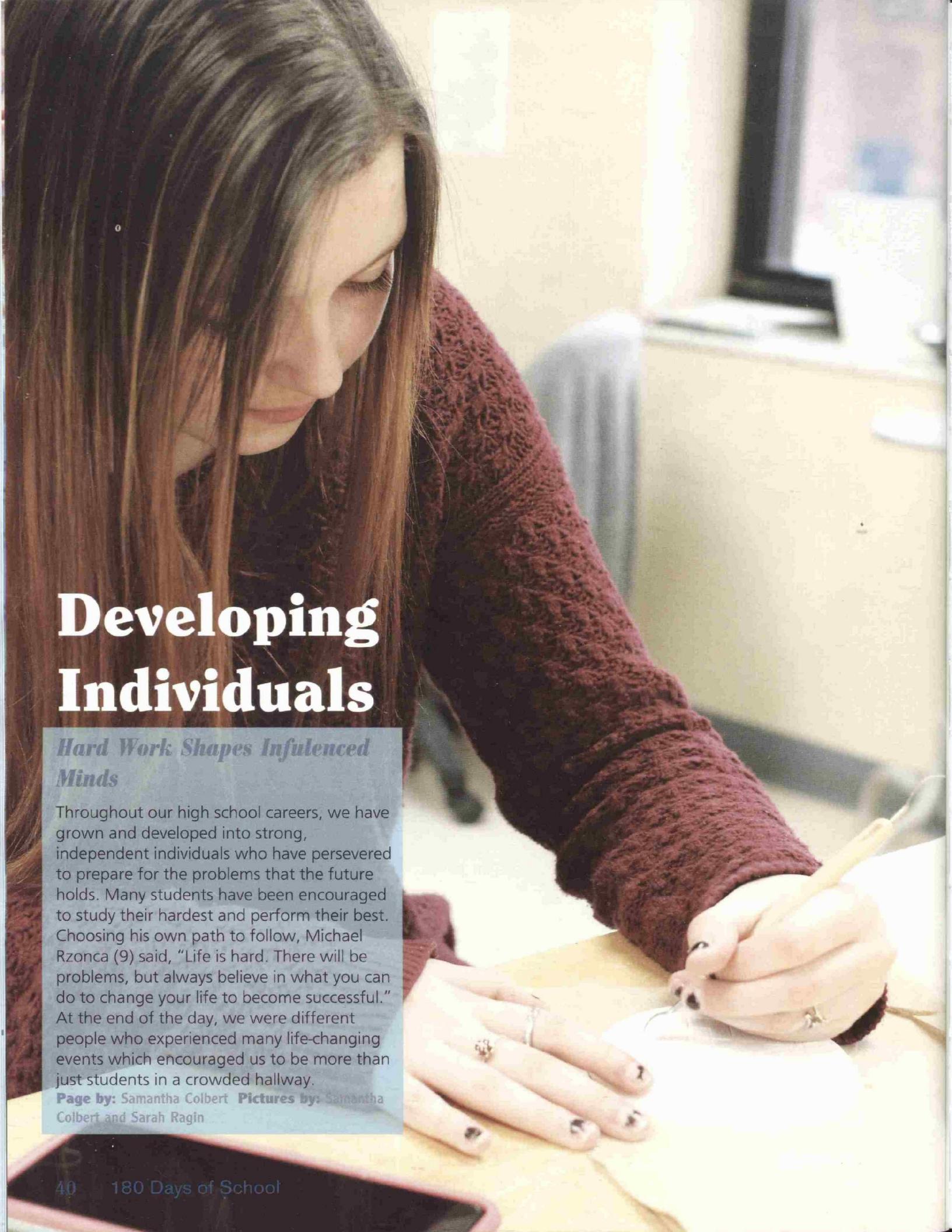
In August 2016, Highland High School was recognized as a "Five-Star Leadership" School by the IHSAA.



Highland High School was recognized in the national rankings and earned a bronze medal according to U.S. News.



The State of Indiana recognized Highland High School as a "Four Star" School.

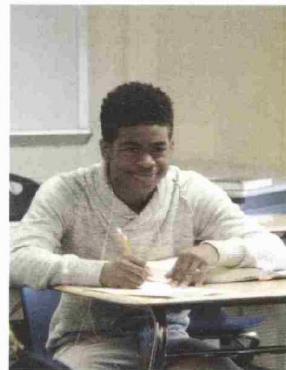
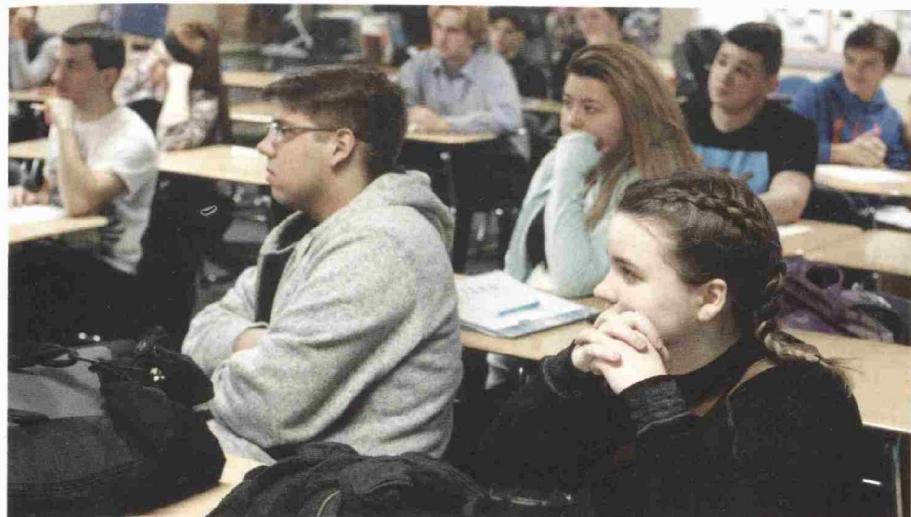


Developing Individuals

Hard Work Shapes Influenced Minds

Throughout our high school careers, we have grown and developed into strong, independent individuals who have persevered to prepare for the problems that the future holds. Many students have been encouraged to study their hardest and perform their best. Choosing his own path to follow, Michael Rzonca (9) said, "Life is hard. There will be problems, but always believe in what you can do to change your life to become successful." At the end of the day, we were different people who experienced many life-changing events which encouraged us to be more than just students in a crowded hallway.

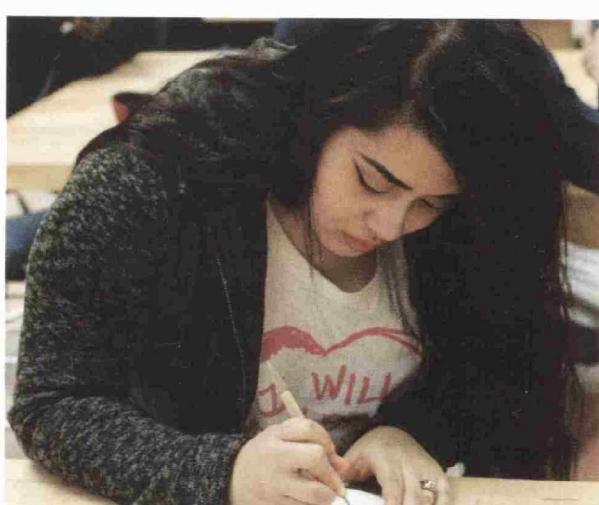
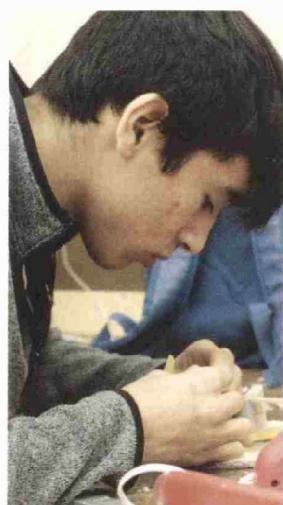
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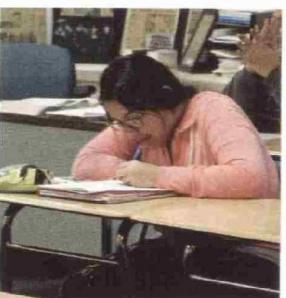
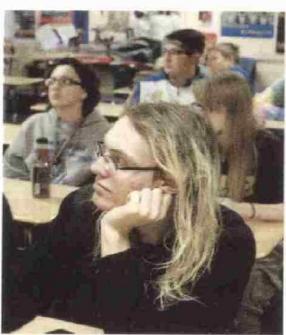
Enthusiastically taking notes while trying to write without looking, Na'Jee Baker (10) smiled excitedly to participate in the class discussion. **With a smile on her face**, Megan Granados (10) worked with her partner Giavonna Venturella (10) to finish their assignments.

Taking advantage of the knowledge of her student teacher, Miss Elizabeth Kammer, Morgan Vanderlee (10) received help on an in class activity.

Surrounded by his classmates Kyle Walters (12) listened to a class discussion. **To organize her thoughts on paper**, Nevaeh Miranda (9) took diligent notes in her World History class.



Paying special attention to the information on the board, students multi-tasked while comprehending the teacher's lesson as well as completing well written notes. **In an effort to piece together** his construction project, Ariann Chavez (11) devoted his class time to produce a robust structure. **Engulfed in her work** Margaret Dizon (12) paced herself to engrave a design into her ceramic plate. **With a look of concentration**, Raul Maldonado (11) put forth his best effort to keep focused during class.





Homecoming Court

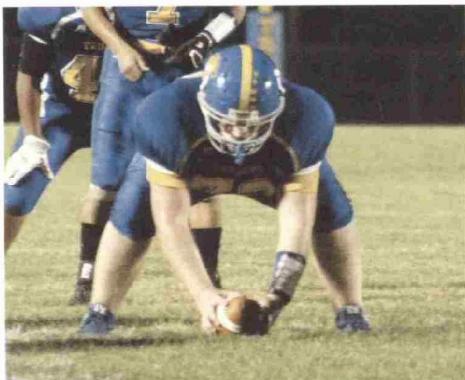
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Madeline Revercomb
and Nicholas Bremer
Brianna Baca
and Danny Vargas
Taylor Steele
and Andrew Carstensen
Taylor Breidenbaugh
and Joshua Gunderson**

Sporting their new pajama choices, Sarah Liden (10) and Kyle Herron (12) enjoyed their school day because they were able to dress in complete comfort.

Psyched for the festivities, members of the Class of 2017 shared their finest soup recipe with parade watchers, young and old, on the trip from Southridge Elementary to the high school. **Just before the** the day started, Cameron Lynch (12) and Haylee Wiley (12) matched one another with their outfits as well as their coffee choices from Dunkin Donuts to make themselves look more like twins. **Holding the** Frozen bags of treats, members of the Class of 2018, along with their "Frozen" friend, Olaf, encouraged our community to support the football team in working to "Freeze the Red Devils" in the upcoming homecoming game. **Upon arriving at** school for pajama day, Abigail Nightingale (9) sported a "Stitch" onesie.



A WEEK IN DISNEY



With his grip tight around the ball, Ethan Fitt (11) was ready for his opponent's next move.

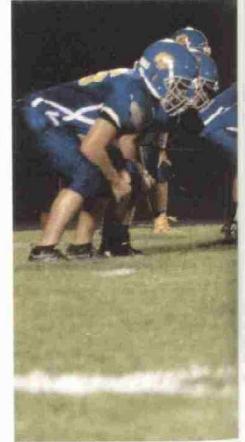
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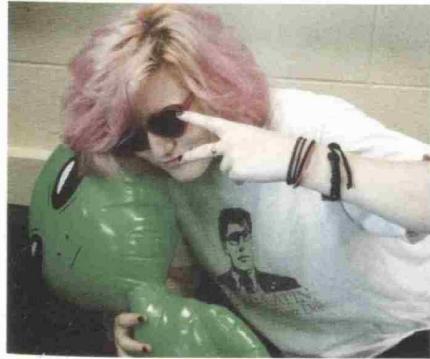
Expression filled with pity, Aavery Poelintz (11) watched as his teammates were squashed by Lowell's Red Devils in a bloodbath.



Capturing the attention of the fans, cheerleaders, Grace Girman (9) and Cloe Schipper (9) flew with their arms extended and heads held high.



Lined up against the Lowell Red Devils, the Highland Trojans were ready to win the game.



Instead of the usual day-to-day look, Peyton Cline (10) sported a pair of cool shades and an alien on her arm.



On a Leap of Faith, Layla Fryxell (10) moved across the field in a half time routine for the Homecoming crowd.



Right in step with her teammates, Sunshynn Magee (9) shared some of her favorite dance moves in the Sapphires performance for the Homecoming pep rally.



Contrary to the popular belief, even staff members have school spirit.

A Night in Neverland

Homecoming was more than an ordinary event for all of those who attended; it was a time to get together with friends and create memories.

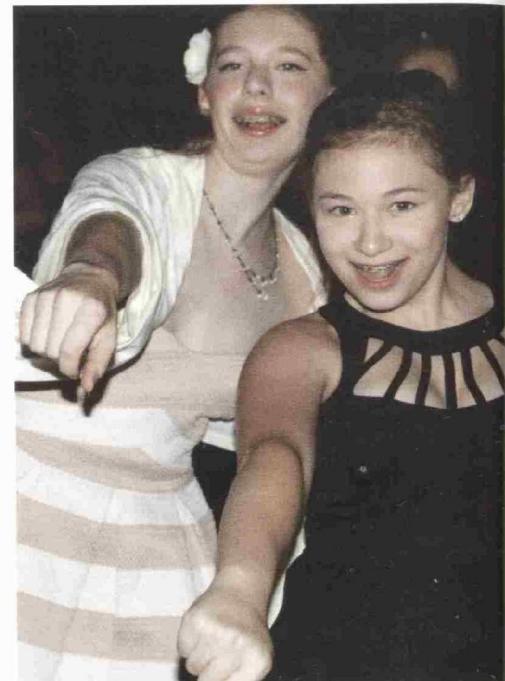
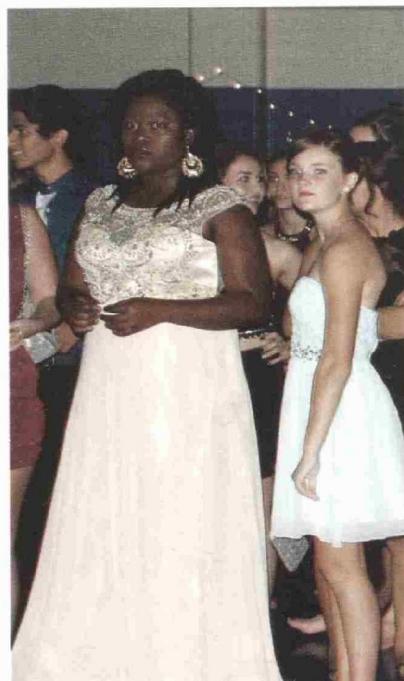
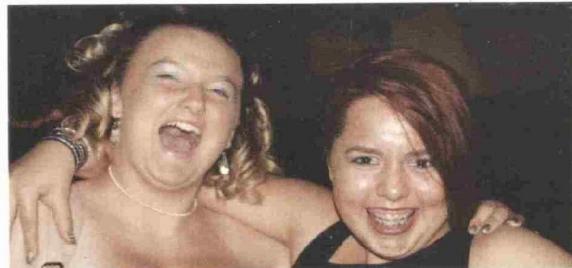
This long anticipated event held the theme which recreated a night in Neverland.

As ticket holders from all four grade levels entered the blue gym in their formal dress attire, music played over the speakers.

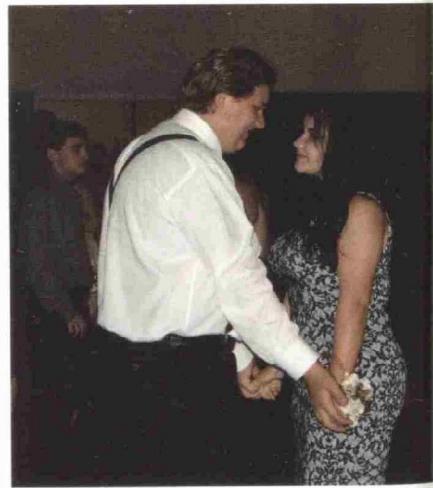
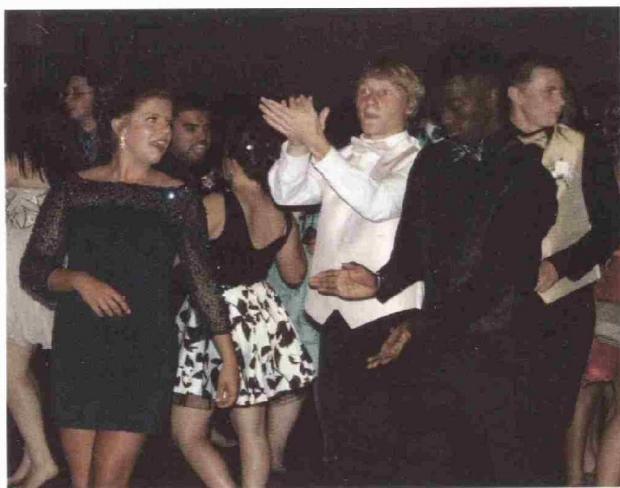
Throughout the night attendees enjoyed themselves through the dancing, singing, and laughter brought by the night. Wishing that the night would never grow old,

crowned royalty Madeline Revercomb (12) and Andrew Carstensen (12) enjoyed themselves before the night came to an end. **Page by:** Sarah Ragin & Dalilah Vaquera **Photos by:**

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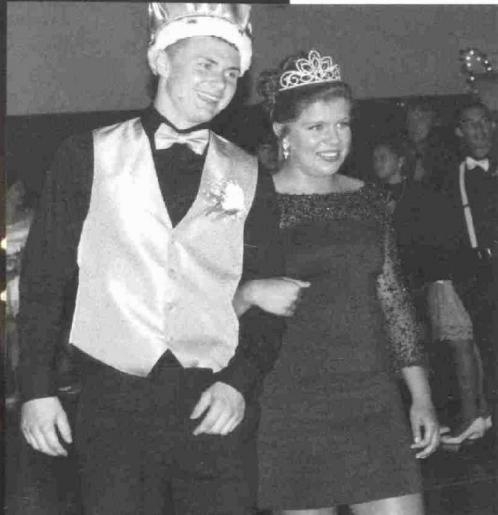
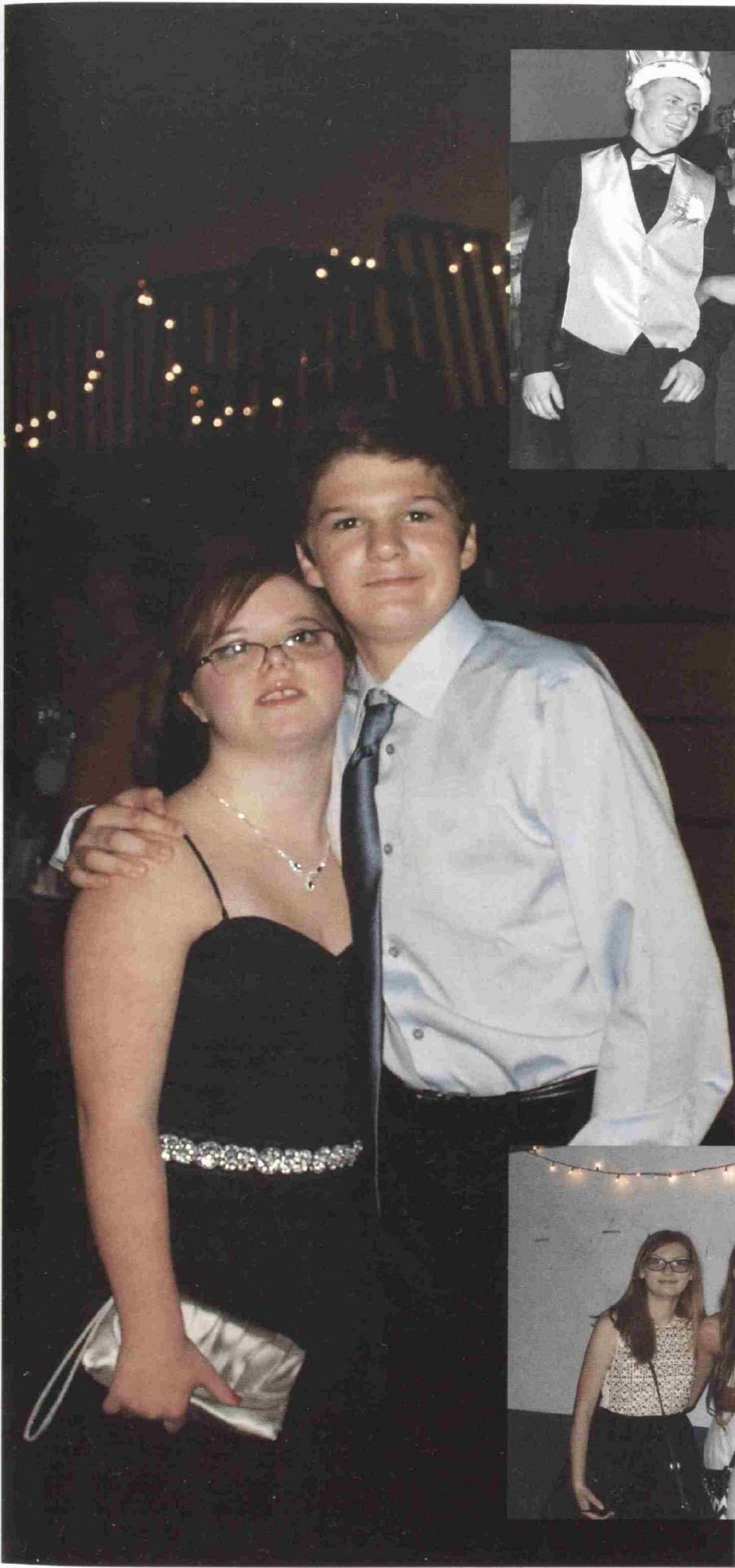
More Than an Ordinary Night



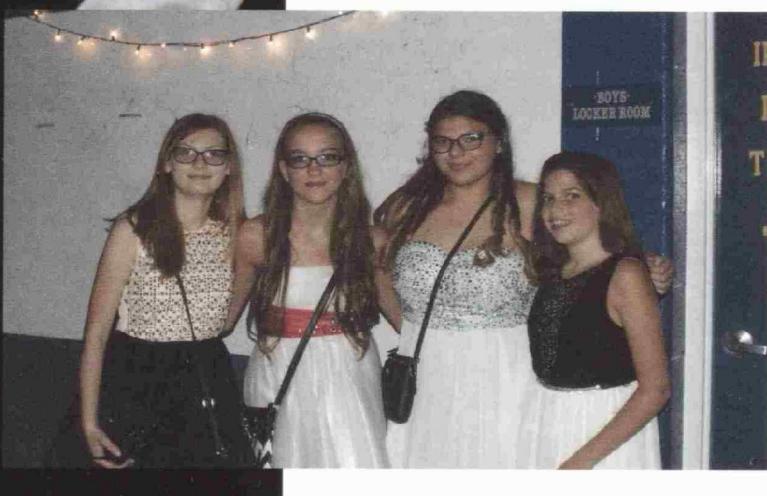
Caught in the middle of a song, Madeline Revercomb (12) joined Darnell Harwood (12) and Ryan McKnight (12) on the dance floor.

Taking a quick break for a photograph, Kennedy Vernengo (10) and Megan Herron (10) move to the side of the dance floor.

With their eyes glued on each other, Hope Castillo (11) and Matthew Cunningham (12) danced with one another.



Caught in the spirit of the dance Olivia Ottman (10) and Kaitlynn Barragan (9) shared a moment of laughter and enjoyed the time they had together. **Dressed up for the** homecoming dance, Julia Makowski (10) and Jillian Parsley (9) posed for a picture. **Exiting the crowd** Ademide Akanbi (12) weaved her way through the mass of people to meet up with her friends. **Each portraying their own style of** dance moves, Riley Mengel (9) and Isabelle Hibbard (9) got groovy with the music. **As the crowd** danced on, Nathaniel Graegin (9) and his date stopped to pose for a photo taken by a yearbook photographer. **Eyes forward** for the recently crowned king and queen Andrew Carstensen (12) and Madeline Revercomb (12) made their way through the crowd. **Gathered around** their friends, Gabriella Marks (10) Emily Hecimovich (10) Elizabeth Cook (10) Anna Brown (10) posed for a picture for a brief moment off of the dance floor.





"Everyone should have their freedom to pray in school, but making it such a public display may be considered offensive. Everyone's opinion should be valued, and not all students have the same beliefs."

Erica Addington (10)



"Prayer in school brings kids together because there is so much going on in the world. This allows students to be able to express their feelings and thoughts."

David Long (12)



"For me it is a way to see who else believes in God and to come together a time of unity. It's good to know that there are other students out there that also pray and share my same belief."

Isabele Hibbard (9)



See You at the Pole

For our school, community and country

"See You at the Pole", which began as a grassroots movement in 1990, had grown into an international event celebrated on the fourth Wednesday of September each year. HHS students began participating in 2002, coming together to pray for our school and our nation. This action served as a reminder of the religious freedoms our great nation allows. At this time of so much division in our country, students prayed for a moral and

spiritual awakening in the hearts and souls of so many who were lost and hurting. Highland High School students had seen many lives change when we call out to God in humble dependence through prayer. The HHS prayer group "FEARLESS", which has been in existence since 1999, is an extension of this prayer movement meeting once a week before school. **PAGE AND PICTURES BY:** Matthew Mendoza

SEE YOU AT THE POLE™
WE CRY OUT
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016



United as one, Students and community members joined together to pray for country, school and students at the annual See You at the Poll event that was held nation wide every fourth Wednesday in September. Mr. Jake Thomas and Mr. Jeremy Owens from Suburban Bible Church in Highland, IN joined Ms. Anita Garvanic, sponsor of FEARLESS to share a moment of prayer.

An Election to Remember

The democratic and republican parties wanted members of their respective parties to become the Forty-fifth President of the United States. Dozens put their names into the running, but slowly withdrew from the nomination. Each party had to make the best decision as to who would be their selected candidate choices. For the democratic side, it was between former First Lady, Hillary Clinton and Senator Bernie Sanders, another politician who had gained a large amount of support. Donald J. Trump was paired against John Kasich, another well-known political figure, with a high influence. After the primary elections of the American people, two nominees were named: Clinton and Trump. Both candidates worked for their respective party. Leading up to the election on November 8th, 2016, they shared their opposing views, their focuses on improving the government, and how each of them intended to meet the needs of the citizens living in the fifty states. Some

School students were able to exercise the Twenty Sixth Amendment, allowing anyone 18 and older to vote. Joshua Fink (12) said, "I supported Trump through the entire election. So much that I recreated the idea from Mike Posner's music video for, 'I Took a Pill in Ibiza.' I had help from friends to create Trump's head. When everyone liked the idea I decided to create a Hillary head as well." Fink credited Kathleen Steele's (12) help through both projects. As unlikely as Kanye West to run for presidency, Trump was never known for politics, which seemed unsettling to other people. Social studies teacher, Mr. David Bedka thought this may be an advantage. "I think Americans are a bit fed up with the politics in Washington D.C and decided to vote for Trump, who is seen as an outsider. He promised change. Time will tell if he actually gets anything done." Former First Lady Clinton was working closely to the position she had built during her extensive political career. This

experience was a strong advantage in the election.

Most faculty members went into the election with optimism. Mrs. Amy Vezmar, voted in the election hopeful for the future. "I felt that regardless to who was elected we need to stand together we need to move our country forward and respect each others opinions and work together locally." This is an excellent point and shows the true spirit of America.

Sticking together is most important when it comes to being a community and a country. On January 20, 2017, President Elect Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th President of the United States with the intention of 'Making America Great Again' which was what he based his entire campaign on. Time will tell how this election will be documented in history books in years to come, but for now it will be remembered as one of the most interesting elections to date.

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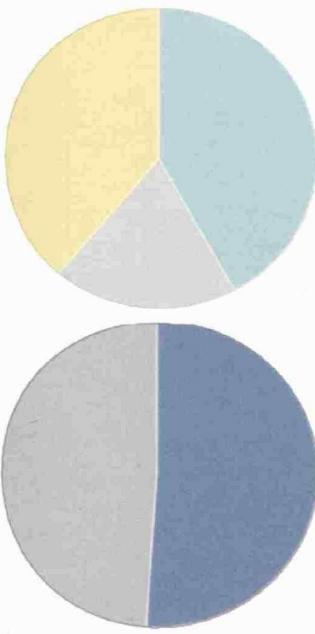


Hillary Clinton

VS.



Donald Trump



Highland Predictions

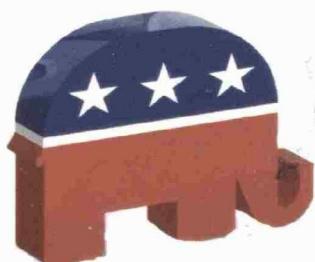
- Clinton 42%
- Trump 18 %
- Write in vote 39%

Final Results

- Clinton 48%
- Trump 46%

Upperclassmen provided input before the election on who their votes would go to. Not only did a large majority of people want Hillary Clinton for President, but over a third made a write in vote.

The final results were very close, but Hilary won the popular vote. However, due to the certain states these votes came from, they were not as much of an important as the votes Donald Trump received. The states he won had more Electoral Votes, which is the deciding factor for Presidency.

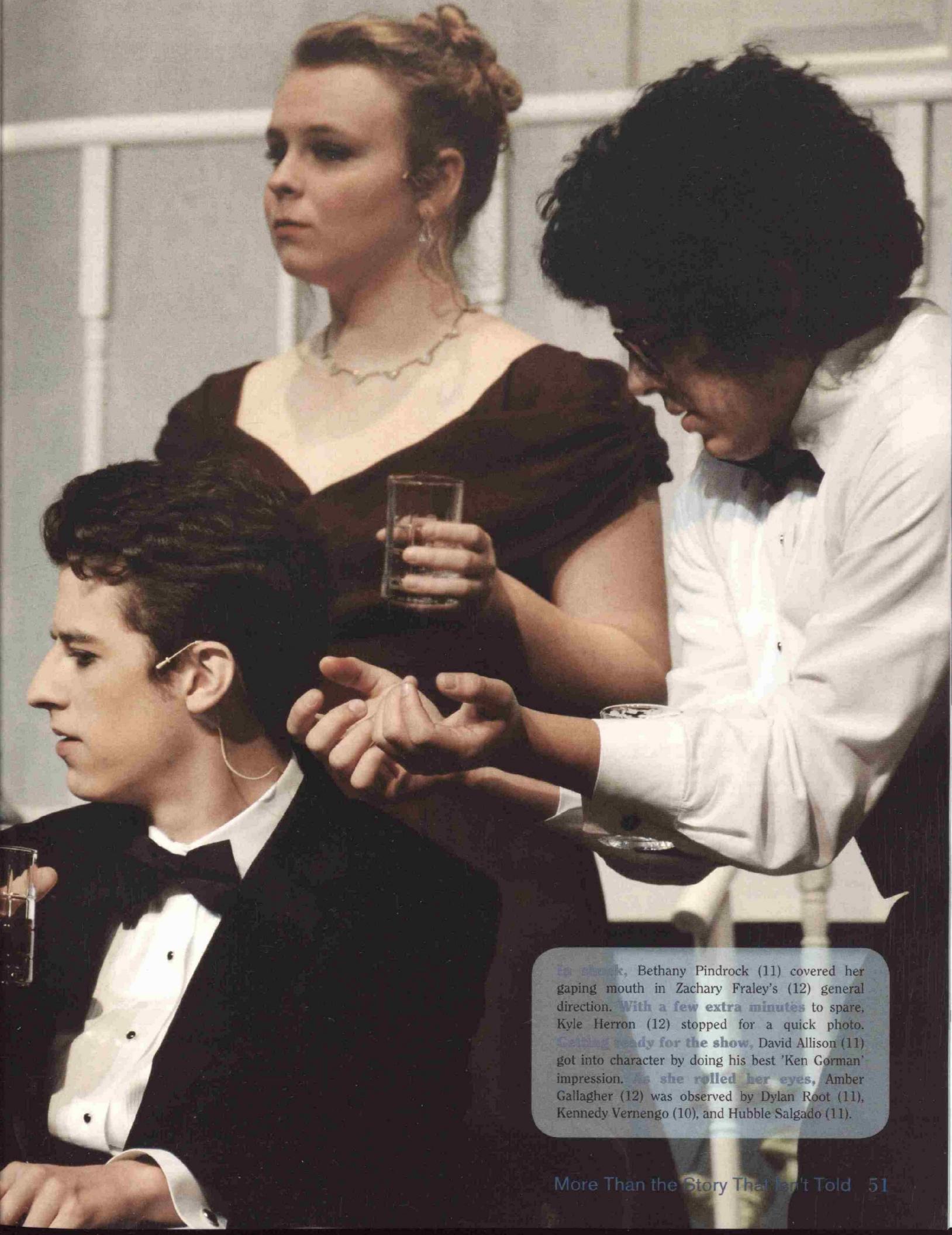




More Than Just A Silly Rumor

An old proverb once said that laughing was good for the soul. Laughing was one thing the audience of *Rumors* did a lot of. There is no doubt that Neil Simon's '*Rumors*' was comedic from the start, but was brought to life and made hilarious by the Highland Theatre Company. In the show, four couples were meant to get together for the posh wedding anniversary of their dear friends, Charley and Myra Brock. The guests soon found, however, that Charley had been shot and Myra was nowhere to be found. To put this show on, each actor had to get a full grip of what the show was about and figure out exactly who each character was. In order to get into character, Irie Crouch (11) said she went through the script and had to think like an officer would. She said, "It was hard to keep a straight face at times. Having less lines made it easier, though, because I had less of a chance of messing up while talking." In the end, *Rumors* was a great show, laughable for all the right reasons, and more than just a silly rumor or two.

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In shock, Bethany Pindrock (11) covered her gaping mouth in Zachary Fraley's (12) general direction. With a few extra minutes to spare, Kyle Herron (12) stopped for a quick photo. Getting ready for the show, David Allison (11) got into character by doing his best 'Ken Gorman' impression. As she rolled her eyes, Amber Gallagher (12) was observed by Dylan Root (11), Kennedy Vernengo (10), and Hubble Salgado (11).

After finishing a long monologue, Allison Brown (12) sat beside Andrew Fink (9) on his character's porch. **After having** hit him upside the head with an ironing board, Jessica Klacik (11) apologized profusely to Nathaniel Taillon (10). **Fighting the tears**, Paige Fanning (10) stood firmly as Zachary Fraley (12), playing her husband, screamed into her face. **Stretched out** on the bench, Brittany Siver (11) tried to see just exactly what David Allison's (11) character was trying to show her. **Intently watching** one another, Bethany Pindrock (11) and Megan Herron (10) held hands to finally connect.

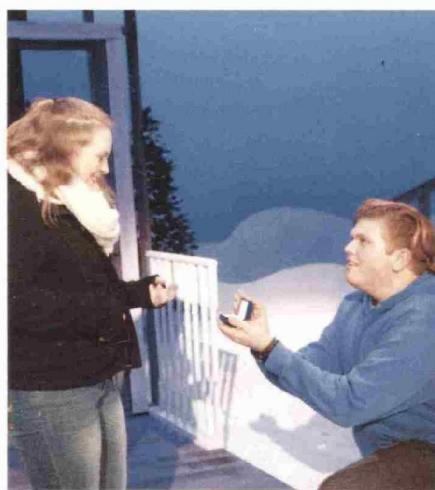


“We never got around to getting organized, so we’re just Almost.”

- *Easton*

“The furthest away you can be from somebody, is if you're sitting next to them.”

- *Man*



To create the look of a couple deeply in love, Kyle Herron (12) knelt down and proposed to Kennedy Vernengo (10).

In an effort to stay warm in his pajamas, Hubble Salgado (10) rubbed his arm and stared into the eyes of his scene partner, Haylee Backs (11). **With eyes focused** on the Aurora Borealis, Dylan Root (11) sat beside the astonished Amber Gallagher (12).

More Than A Love Story

Hearts pounding, scrambling for the right words, two actors stepped onto the stage. Shrouded in darkness, two actors were just that, but as the lights went up Megan Herron (10) and Bethany Pindrock (11) became Deena and Shelly, two friends reaching for each other's affections.

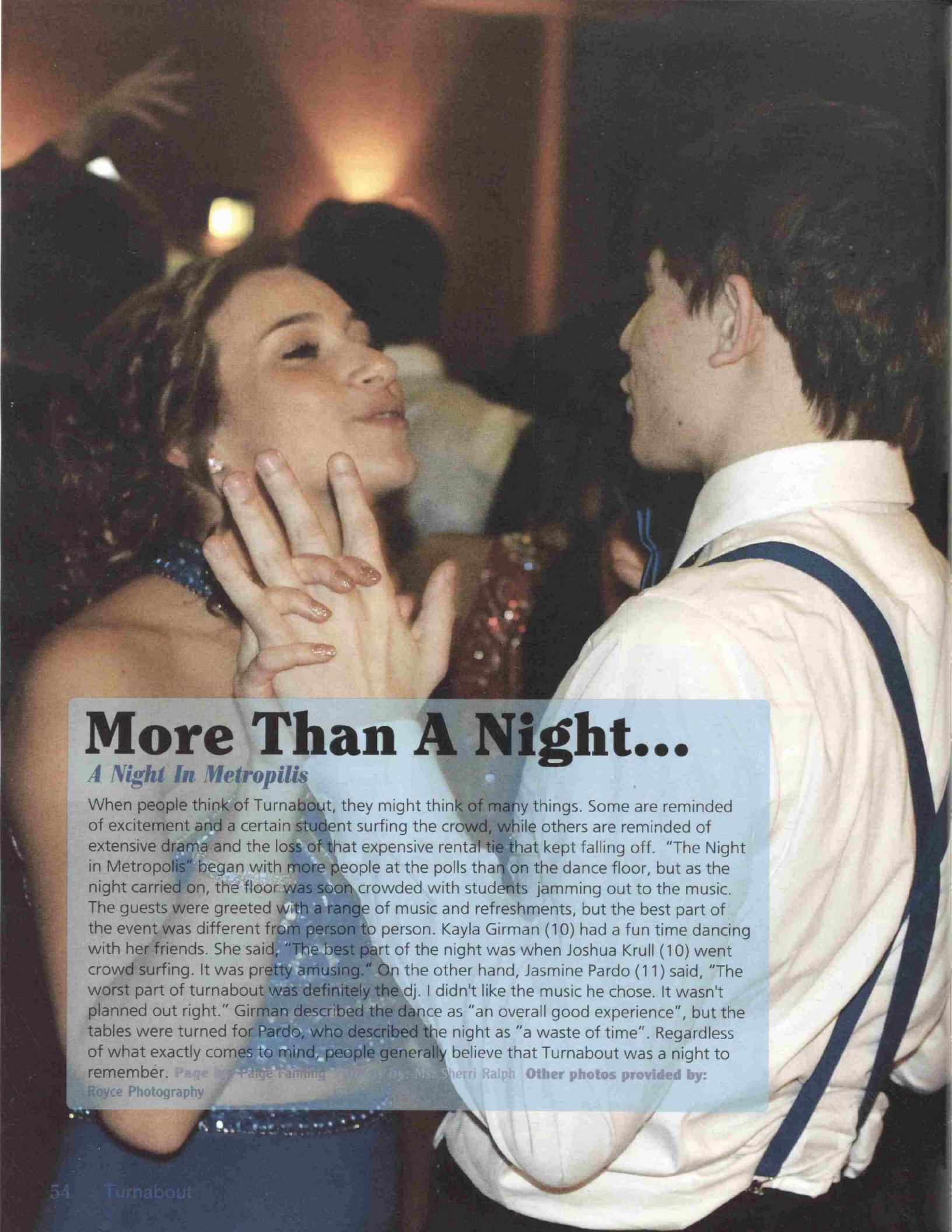
Offstage these actors were friends, as were the rest of the cast, but in character they each were something entirely different. The citizens of Almost, Maine each had something in common. Each actor had to portray a relationship that was "almost" beginning or "almost" ending. In the case of Dylan Root's (11) and Amber Gallagher's (12) characters, they were as close as they could possibly be, yet the farthest.

"Almost" love was something that each of the actors had to find within themselves in order to properly portray each scene. In the end, two actors exited the stage and 19 returned in an "almost" victory. **Page and Photos by:** Paige Fanning



Trying to make it a little less awkward, Taylor VanDommelen (9) gave a bright smile to Luke Wasowicz (11) and Kathleen Doolittle (12).



A photograph of a young man and woman dancing. The woman, on the left, has dark hair and is wearing a dark, sequined dress. She is looking up at the man with her eyes closed, her right hand resting against his cheek. The man, on the right, has short brown hair and is wearing a white button-down shirt over a dark tie. He is looking down at her. They are in a crowded room with other people visible in the background.

More Than A Night...

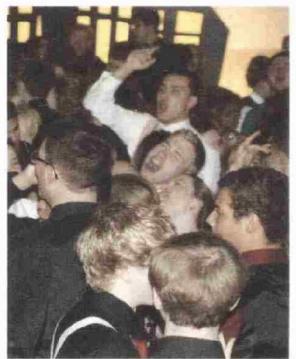
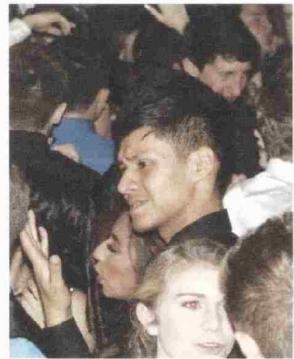
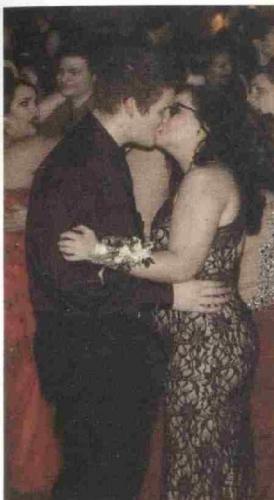
A Night In Metropolis

When people think of Turnabout, they might think of many things. Some are reminded of excitement and a certain student surfing the crowd, while others are reminded of extensive drama and the loss of that expensive rental tie that kept falling off. "The Night in Metropolis" began with more people at the polls than on the dance floor, but as the night carried on, the floor was soon crowded with students jamming out to the music. The guests were greeted with a range of music and refreshments, but the best part of the event was different from person to person. Kayla Girman (10) had a fun time dancing with her friends. She said, "The best part of the night was when Joshua Krull (10) went crowd surfing. It was pretty amusing." On the other hand, Jasmine Pardo (11) said, "The worst part of turnabout was definitely the dj. I didn't like the music he chose. It wasn't planned out right." Girman described the dance as "an overall good experience", but the tables were turned for Pardo, who described the night as "a waste of time". Regardless of what exactly comes to mind, people generally believe that Turnabout was a night to remember.

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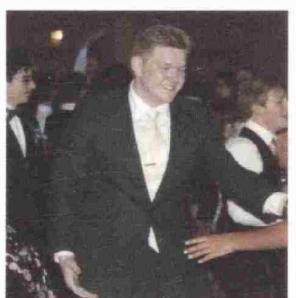
With eyes locked, Jessica Hanson (9) and Andrew Cison (9) sang along with the music. **Checking over the paper**, Emily Marvel (9) and Andrew Vassar (11) voted to decide the fate of their Turnabout court. **Psyched for the dance** freshman posed for a quick photo. **Enjoying the music** Jessica Klacik (11) broke into a groovy sway. **Surrounded by** his dancing peers, Allan Velazquez (9) appeared puzzled by his peers' choice of dance moves. **As the crowd** heard the next song, a favorite, many began to sing along with the lyrics. **In the midst** of a crowd of slow dancers, Andrew Sharp (11) and Madison Espinoza-Neal (10) shared a quick kiss. **While others waited** to get back on the floor, the Turnabout court gathered together to smile for the camera.



It was all smiles with Highland students as they posed for photos before the dance. **After a long night** on the dance floor, a group of students took a quick break to take a photo. **Dressed in fun glasses** Jacqueline Munoz (12) and Liam Curran (11) took a silly photo. **Clad in Mardi Gras attire**, Ethan O'Riley (12) and friends posed as their photo was taken.

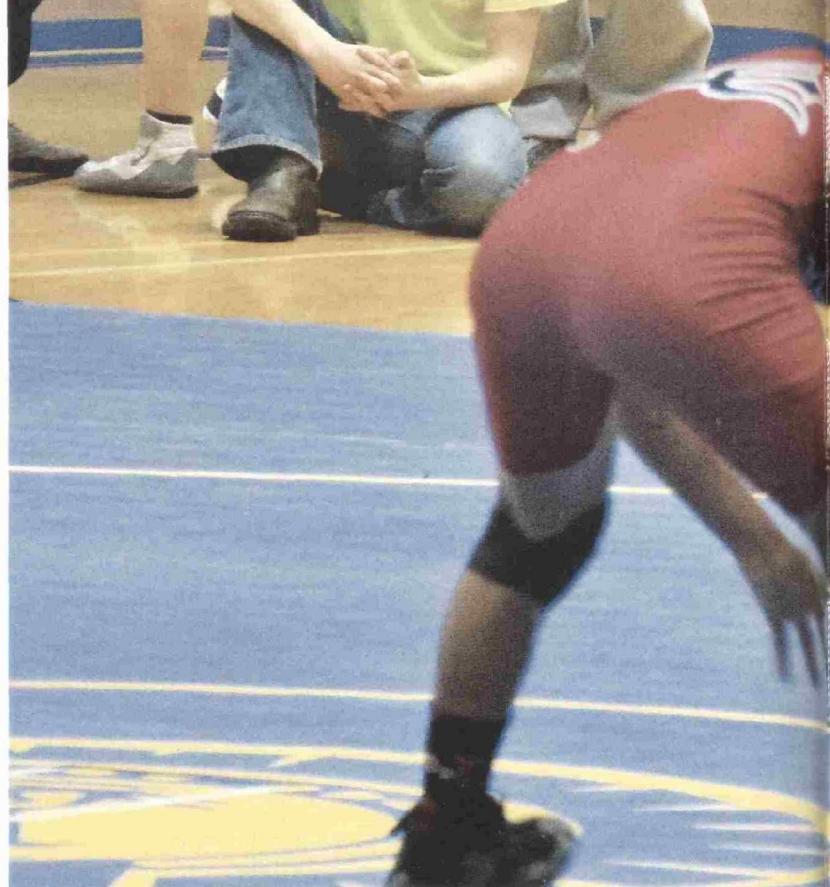


Just before the dance began, a group of Highland students posed for a group photo. **With arms outstretched**, Jack Lebeter (11) danced his way around the dance floor throughout the night.



MORE than One Team

Being an athlete has always been more than just being part of a team. To highland students, this meant to be part of a family; when being specific, it meant to be a part of the Trojan family. To be an athlete Trojans needed to show commitment, heart, and responsibility. It was more than just playing a sport. It was creating friendships that will last a lifetime. It was about learning what it means to put in the work and get results. Taylor Steele (12) said, "Playing a sport at Highland High School has so much more meaning than people realize. I am honored to say that playing both volleyball and basketball for four years at Highland has made me the person I am today, and I do not know where I would be without them." Many students filled the roles of being part of this family and one team that we joined. Whether a player on the field or court, or a fan in the stands, we were all a part of the Trojan team. **Page by:** David Mendoza **Photos by:** Zoe Kim and Ms. Sherri Ralph **Other photos provided by:** Parents of Highland students.





In anticipation of the post season, Jacob Hirchak (11) focused on fulfilling the expectations that his coaches, teammates and family placed upon him. **Taking advantage of** the season, the girls cross country team members dressed in costume to support their post season runners.

Ready to jump, Nicholis Thompson (11) reached for the ball at tip off.

Stopping to take in their success, the boys and girls swim team gathered together to listen to Coach Nick Castillo's address and then end with a picture before heading to the bus.



Looking for a bucket, Taylor Steele (12) attempted to add two more points to the score board for the Lady Trojans in the Sectional Championship game against the Lady Cougars of Gary West Side High School.



Skillfully shooting the ball towards the hole, Carlyn Stone (10) took careful aim with her shot at the Lady Trojans home course, Wicker Memorial Park.



In order to motivate her team, Coach Abbey Strohl called a time out to reinforce the game plan for a volleyball match up against the Lady Mustangs of Munster.

Becoming the front runner was a step that Tristen Comer (12) took in stride in his final season for the Trojans. **New**

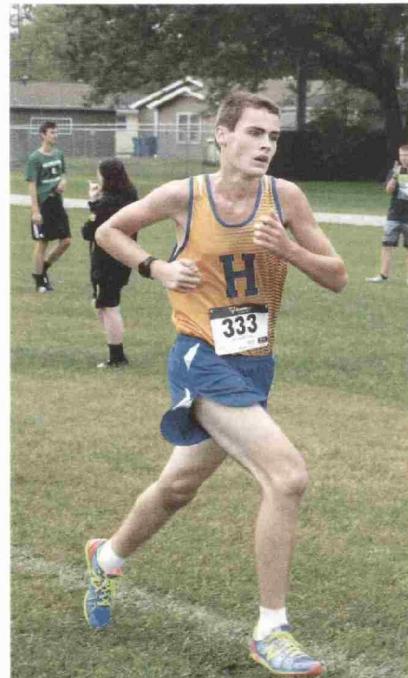
fresh faces were welcomed into the program and caught on to the tradition of working hard throughout the season. **With smiles**,

the varsity team was proud of their successful season. **With brave intentions**,

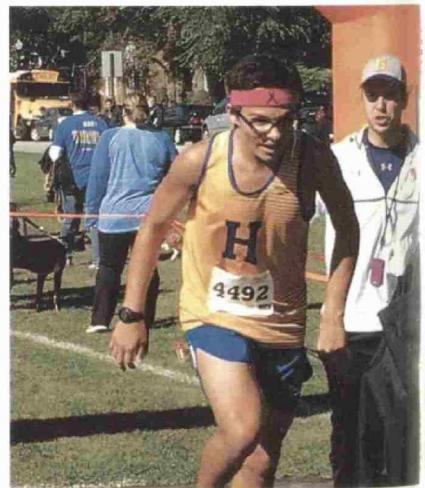
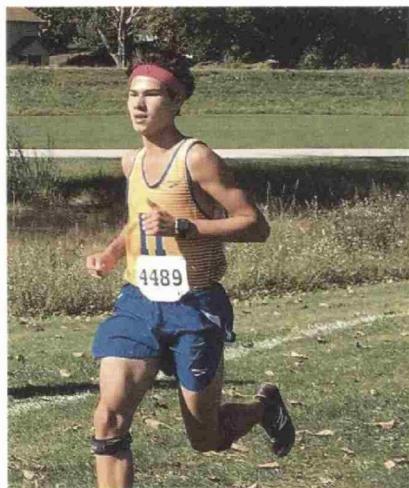
Nicolas Hernandez (10) was determined to improve his times each week. **With a vast**

improvement, Matthew Roach (10) worked his way into a varsity spot and maintained throughout the season. **Prior to**

suffering an injury, Estevan Ramirez (11) made running a priority.



Running With a Passion



Making his way around the bike trail, Joseph Silva (10) ran through pain to finish his second Highland Invitational race.

With eyes focused on the finish line, Benjamin Salinas (9) was a welcome addition to the top seven runners for Highland due to his dedication.

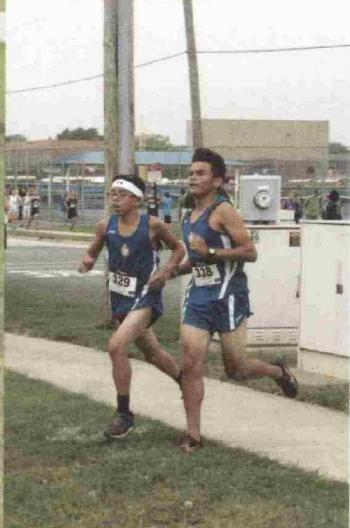
Crossing the finish line after a sectional race with a time of 17:51, Sasa Zdrnja (11) was happy to have placed fifteenth.

More Than a Team

A group of young men gathered together and committed to run and run some more. After losing two very strong runners to graduation, it took a lot of courage for the runners to step up as a team to find their mutual identity. Still, the goal of reaching post season was wanted by all, including Coach Robert Lukowski. Leading this momentum were seniors Tristen Comer (12) and Cristian Zendejas (12). With other returning runners, new comers fell right into the stride. The varsity team, which consisted of Comer, Zendejas, Eric Alegre (10), Matthew Roach (10), Sasa Zdrnja (11), Tyler Urbanczyk (11), Graem Stickann (11), and Benjamin Salinas (9), made their way back to New Prairie to compete in the semi-state meet. The long hours put in during morning practices and summer months helped to lead the team into victoriously reaching semi-state.

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With their feet soaked from running through the lake-like puddles on the regional course of Lemon Lake, the Trojans could finally head to semi-state as a team. Each Highland runner was excited to reach this accomplishment. They all gathered together for a wet and muddy celebration.





With a look of determination Gloria Linkiewicz (10) pushed through the final stretch of the race.



Keeping up with a steady pace, Madelyn Smigla (10) rounded the track at Highland.



With hair flying, Lauren Toth (11) strode around the final bend of the Highland Track.



More Than an Individual

Stick With It Or Hold On to the Pack

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Wheezing, hair blowing back like lightning, every muscle straining. You ask yourself why you do this to yourself everyday? Perhaps it's because of the feeling of the ground against your shoes like silk or the feeling of triumph after every goal met. Perhaps it's the sentiment of the

team, close enough to be a family. When asked why run, Leah Clark (12) responded, "because of the amazing people by my side enduring it with me." This was a year of bonding, and the belief in each other led to post season success as four made their way to the semi-state race.



No One Ever Drowned In Sweat

**5:20 am
Practice
2 days a
week**



Forcefully swinging their arms, Taylor VanDommelen (9) and Lillian Kosior (9) pushed through the other runners.

**NO HALF-TIMES
NO TIME-OUTS
NO SUBSTITUTIONS
NO EXCUSES
RUN**



Breaking away from the crowd, Ciera Lee (10) sprinted past the other athletes, leading her to victory. **Fighting the** blustering wind, Wendolin Mata (10) and Esmeralda Perez (9) ran in sync, keeping each other on pace. **Straining with all her might**, Lauren Urevig (11) pushed in an attempt to pass the Lowell athlete. **With all smiles**, Highland girls posed for a quick picture with the coach.

One Team



Before going out for kickoff, the Trojans gathered together for a final call from team captains. **With eyes glued to the kicker,** Steven Niemann (10) prepared himself for the next play. **In hopes of a first down,** Rafael Rios (10) used his speed to get around his opponent. **After having a touchdown scored,** Zachary Bertossi (12) ran to attack the ball with a strong kick. **With their sights on the defense,** the offensive line protected their quarterback. **Adjusting to the defense,** Andrew Carstensen (12) made a quick cut to escape a tackle by the Munster Mustangs.



The Heart of a Champion says...

hard work beats
talent everytime.
-Elias Covarrubias



never give up.
-Jacob Korchak



just win.
-Kyle Foster



beats to a
different drum.
-Angel Mata



never be average.
-Shawn Rogers



keep fighting.
-Andrew Carstensen



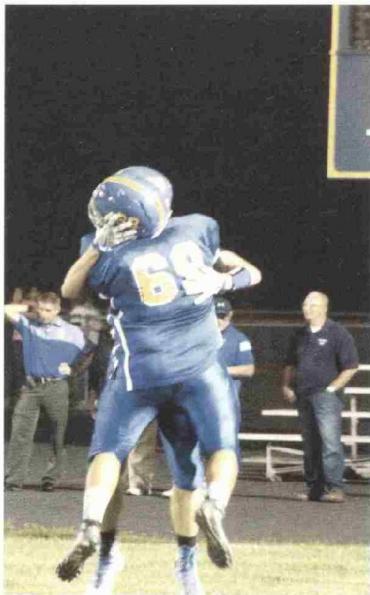
I will be the best.
-Collin Reilly



More Than a Team

Defensive lineman bent over to get into a three point stance, and placed their eyes on the ball to disrupt the play. On the offensive side of the ball, a look of promise was shared between teammates in the huddle as they planned the next offensive set. As the center, Ethan Fitt (12), snapped the ball and routes were ran, the Trojans worked together to move the ball upfield and find their way into the end zone. With a schedule change, the Trojans started the season off on fire. When the final second ticked off the new score board and the season came to an end with a 5-6 record, seniors were hit with a wall of emotions. Douglas Brandon (12) said, "I played for all four years with this team, and although my final season is over, the brotherhood lives on. Each moment spent with this team were the greatest moments, and those are ones I'll never forget."

With fire in his eyes, Logan Theisen (12) prepared for the ball to be snapped. **Quick feet** led Anfernee Perez-Aquino (11) back down field in a kick off situation. **Catching his breath** between plays, Aavery Poelinitz (11) was focused on the next play for the Trojans. **In celebration** Douglas Brandon (12) jumped into Jarrod Thiele (12) after Thiele scored a touchdown for the Trojans.



Football is more than...



"giving your all because you have to go beyond that. You have to give your heart and give your everything. You have to go until the last second."

-David Hause (10)



"a game. Because it's something you put into your life into. It's not just something you can join and be good, you have to put work into it."

-Colin Barsich (9)



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Adjusting the game plan Coach Trent Grider spoke to his team to regain focus. **Just before** the game the captains made their way out for the coin toss. **While waiting** his turn Hunter Reilly (11) looked to his coaches. **While adjusting** the route, Mason Plebanski (9) hustled through his first high school season. **Holding the ball** Michael LeNeave (11) ran downfield.





With a smile, Kylie Richardson (11) posed with her score card after she qualified for Second Team All Conference.



Twisting into a hug, Carlyn Stone (10) and Olivia Gibson (9) displayed friendship on the course.



With a perfect beginning, Miyah Hinkel (9) looked happy as she strolled down the fairway at Sandy Pine's Golf Course.

Building Experience

Team work makes the dream work

Golf is more than swinging the club, it is about bonding, friendship, and good times. "On picture day, we were sword fighting with golf clubs and doing cheer moves. It was fun," said Alexis Whitehead (9). This broke the stereotype that golf is boring and instead showed the fun and excitement that occurred when a team came together and became a family. Coach Daniel Richardson described a bonding moment that his team members shared during the season. Richardson described his frustration at a match with returning golfers that were not setting the

proper example for young golfers just joining the program. Little did he know, the girls had set up a senior celebration in honor of their very own senior citizen in Richardson since there were not any seniors participating this season. Their cohesive group was so well knit that they supported each other as they grew in the game of golf and supported Kylie Richardson (11) as she advanced to the regional tournament in Lafayette.

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Walking to Victory

An average of
13,000 steps
are walked
during an 18
hole game!



With eyes focused on the game, Karli Byrd (10) was on hole fifteen at the conference tournament.



Eyes forward to the hole, Miyah Hinkel (9) was on the 11th green at the conference tournament. **After completing** hole nine in a nine hole tournament, Richardson smiled at her supporting team mates. **After a long day**, the golf team gathered around the table and bonded while they enjoyed frozen yogurt.

New Members vs Old Members

63% 37%

With a look of determination, Berenice Iniguez (12) passed a ball up field to her teammates as they were ready for a pass to kick the ball. **In hopes of scoring**, Nicole Russell (12) continued to keep her focus set on the game. **Surrounded in glory**, Jacqueline Frye (11) ran back to mid-field after she scored the first goal during sectionals. **Practice makes perfect** for Sierra Hinkel (12) who dribbled the ball towards the opposing team to score a goal at sectionals.

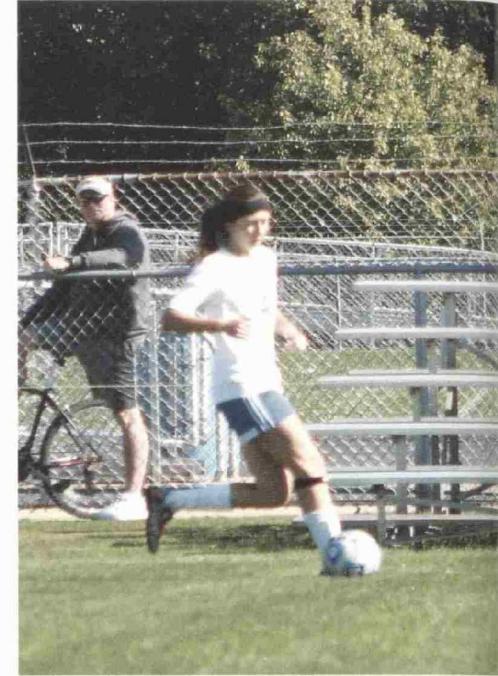
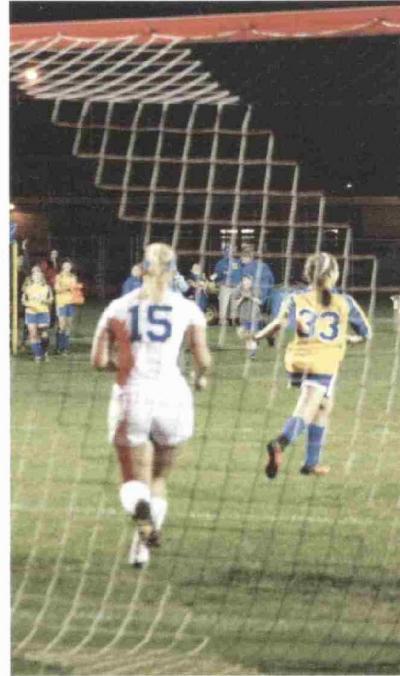


Soccer is More Than...



"a team; it's a family because you get so close to everyone on the team. The game means so much to everyone so we put our hearts on the field."

-**Sophie Whiting (12)**



"a sport; it's more like a feeling because you put everything you have into workouts striving to get better. Soccer is my dream because a lot of my role models are soccer players."

-**Brianna Dewey (9)**

2016 Sectional Champions

Varsity

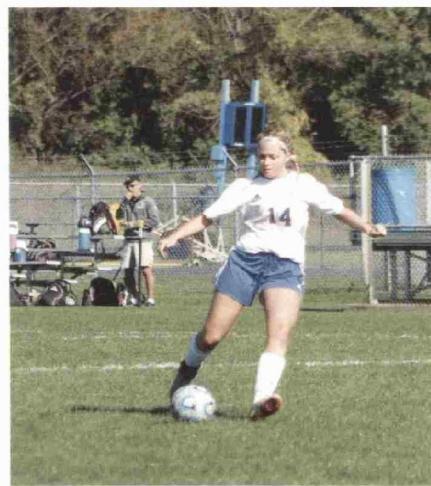
12 wins, 5 losses, 3 ties

Conference

4 wins, 2 losses

Junior Varsity

4 wins; 6 losses, 5 ties



Drowning out the background noise, Nicole Russell (11) worked to kick the ball up field.

In an effort to be an offensive threat, Mackenzie Pickens (10) was determined to keep control of the ball in the sectionals matchup against the Lady Gladiators.

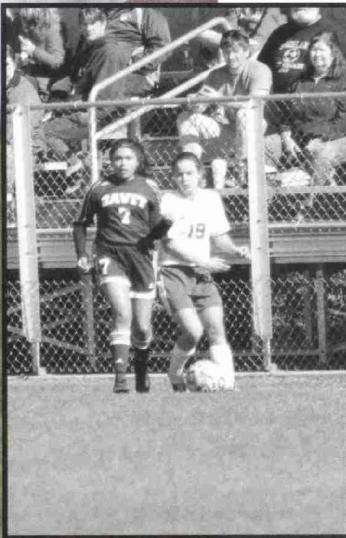
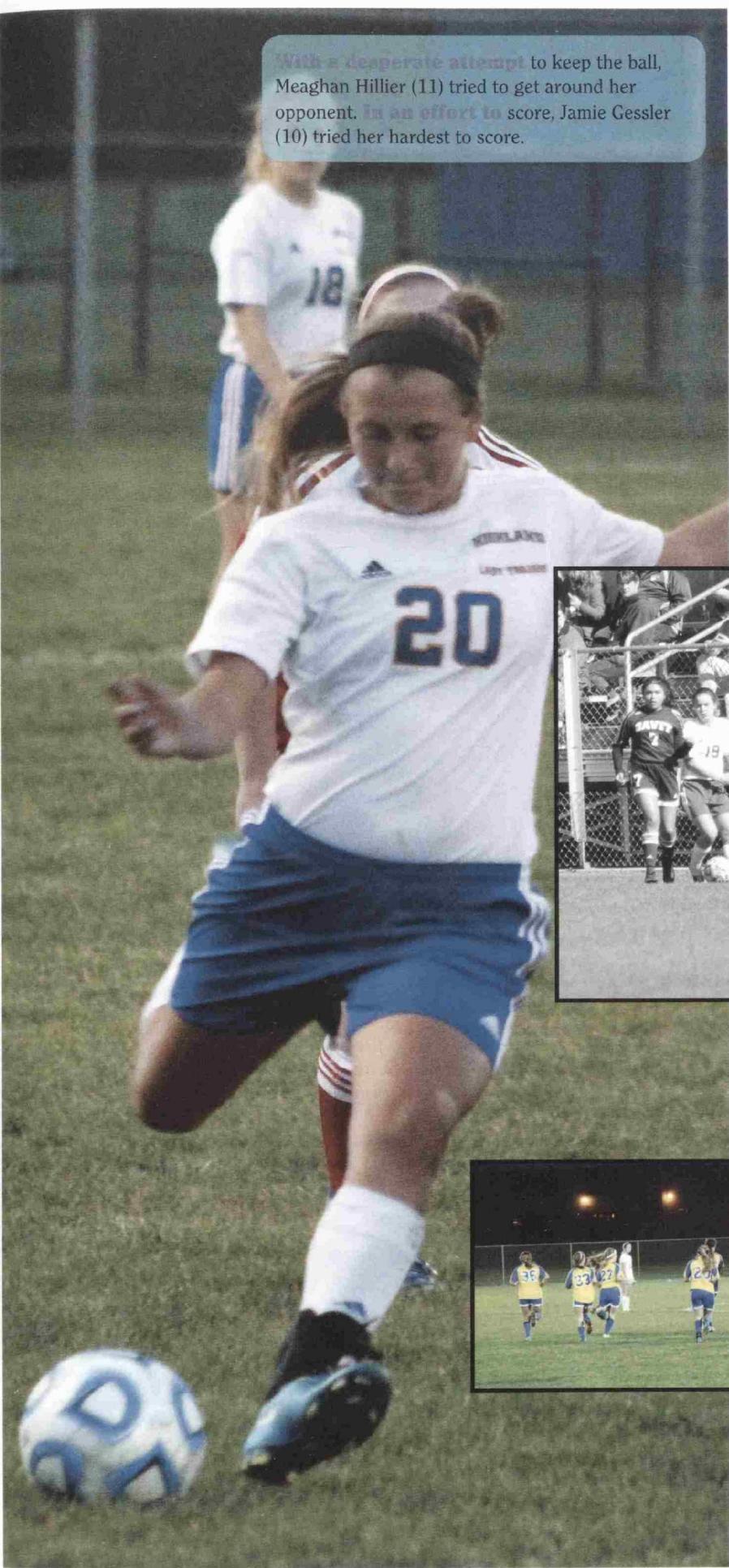
With a desperate attempt to keep the ball, Meaghan Hillier (11) tried to get around her opponent. *In an effort to score*, Jamie Gessler (10) tried her hardest to score.

Kicking With Force

Any Team, Any Given Day

With their hearts set on improvement, the girls soccer team grew not only as a team, but as a family. Soccer was the most important for the majority of girls who wanted to see improvement. "In the beginning of the season, we were losing. After losing to Kankakee Valley, we decided to step it up and realized we could beat anyone if we put our hearts into it," said Jordan Rhoten (12) who wanted to see the team excel this season. Advancing to sectionals, the team won 5-0 against Gavit as well as 4-0 against Lake Central. The girls later moved to regionals and won 2-2 with penalty kicks against Crown Point; however, lost 0-2 against Munster. The season was more than what the girls could have wished for themselves and Coach Gordon Walker, who finished his final season as Head Girls Soccer Coach for Highland. **Page By:** Samantha Colbert **Photos By:** Matthew Mendoza

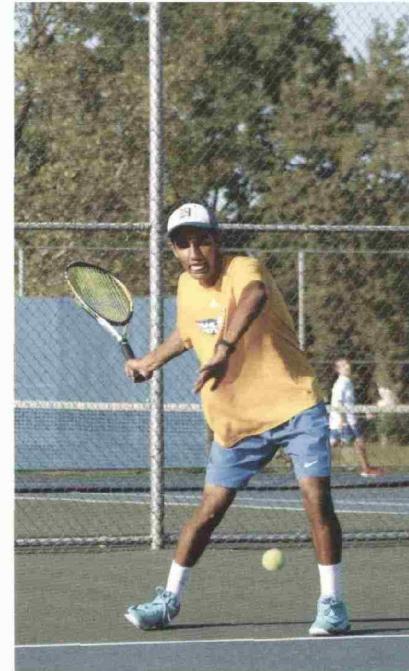
Victory was captured as the girls ran back field as they celebrated the goal scored by Highland that gave them a 4-0 lead in the late stages of the sectional championship game against Lake Central.



Anxiously anticipating for the ball to come his way, lone senior, Kolin Palmer (12), was in a stance to quickly return the ball.

Eyes forward, Frederick Kepler (10) and Christopher Peters (11) prepared themselves for the start of the game.

Determined to get ahead of his opponent, Meet Patel (10) showed no mercy when playing and gave all effort into the game.



Kings of the Court

To this successful team, tennis was more than skills and physical ability. It was about mental preparation. "Before every home match, I get as many shots in as I can. Before an away match, I listen to music on the bus to help me focus," number one varsity singles Matthew Cotner (11) said. Pressure on the court correlates to pressure at practice." People may forget tennis is a team sport. If you are the last player on the court and your match decides the fate of your team, the pressure grows," Cotner said.

One false stereotype the tennis players faced was the assumption that the sport was easy. "If you want to be a very good player, it takes tons of time and effort to truly learn technique and foot work," Cotner said. Aside from the stress that competition brought and the intensity of practice and training, tennis has been a worthwhile sport for him this season. "Matches are fun because I love to play. Practices are also good because Mr. Jordan Heckard is a

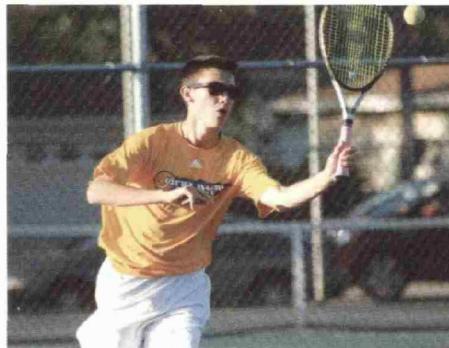
great coach and helps us out a lot," Cotner continued. Tennis was more than just a game to this team, it was concentration, dedication, and teamwork. It was outstanding to see eight new teammates added to the roster for this program to do more than grow in number.



With a watchful eye, Mason Cluth (11) was ready to return the volley to gain a point.



Total concentration overcame Steven Fowler (11) as he took a swing at the ball to try to get ahead of his opponent.



With his eye on the ball, Harrison Bronisz's (11) swift reflexes allowed for him to return the ball effortlessly.



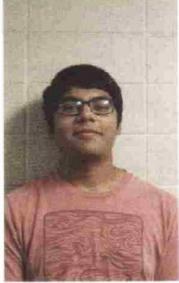
Intently watching his opponent, Tyler Scheidt (10) prepared to accept a serve from his opponent.

Surrounded in glory, the Trojans were able to claim victory at the Highland Doubles Tournament.



Ishaan Patel (10) is a self taught tennis player. Aside from the occasional help from coaches, "I

mainly taught myself how to play through online videos," Patel said. Tennis is very tough and stressful, but his motivation came from the fun he had while competing and playing with friends.



New to Highland High School, Martis Sprenne (9) says the biggest plus of being on the tennis team are the friends you

can make while on it. "The tennis guys were my first friends," he told Shield. Starting in a new school, making friends, and getting situated can be difficult, but joining the tennis team can lift some of the weight off your shoulders!



Ever wished you could be in a sport that would keep you energetic and popular? Well, Nolan Turoci (10) has, and

joining tennis fulfilled his wish exactly. He said, "Tennis helped me in life by keeping me active and social." With this reasoning, it's no question as to why so many people decided to join the tennis team this year.



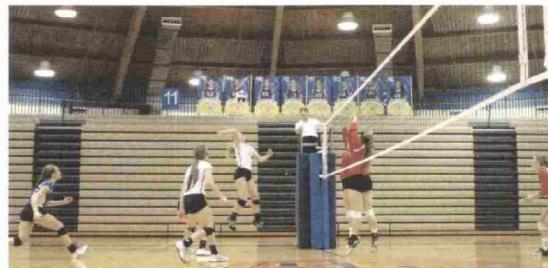
It's no doubt that tennis is a very social sport, and Kevin Hasier (10) proves this theory to be correct. "Basically I joined the tennis team

because my friend Nolan Turoci said I should...and so I did!" said Hasier. Positive peer pressure can lead to many great discoveries, one is discovering how exciting and addictive tennis is.



With her eye on the ball, Delia Curtis (10) took a leap of faith in an attempt to keep the volley going.

Caught in the spirit of the game, a group of players huddled together with bright smiling faces. **In an effort to** spike the ball, Elizabeth Hoffman (12) sprang up and reached above the net. **Arms in the air**, the bench rose to their feet to cheer in support of the ladies on the floor.



Volleyball is More Than...



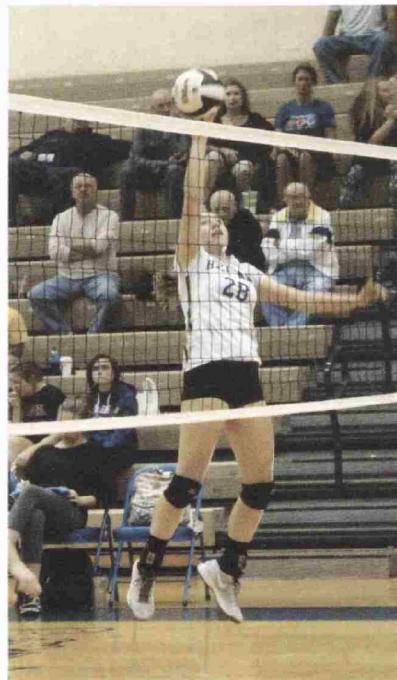
"a sport; it's a family. It's a long season because we start conditioning in the summer so it brings us close because we spend so much time together."

-**Mackenzie Lewis (12)**



"a sport; it's a friendship with teammates that allows us to communicate well on the court."

-**Stephanie Narantic (10)**



WE CAN DIG IT



"I dig serving because I can release anger that's built up by hitting hard."

-**Lainey Sperry (9)**



"What I dig most about volleyball would probably be playing with my friends that I have played with for years and always having fun."

-**Riane Holder (9)**

With a look of determination, the Highland C-Team prepared for an oncoming serve from their opponent.

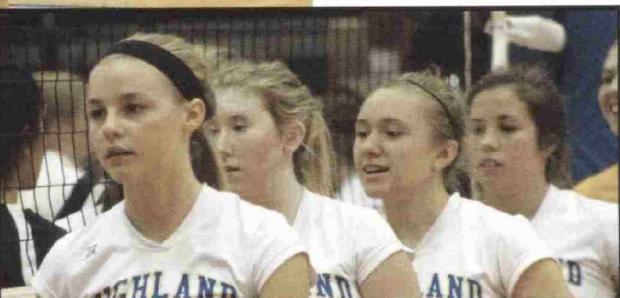
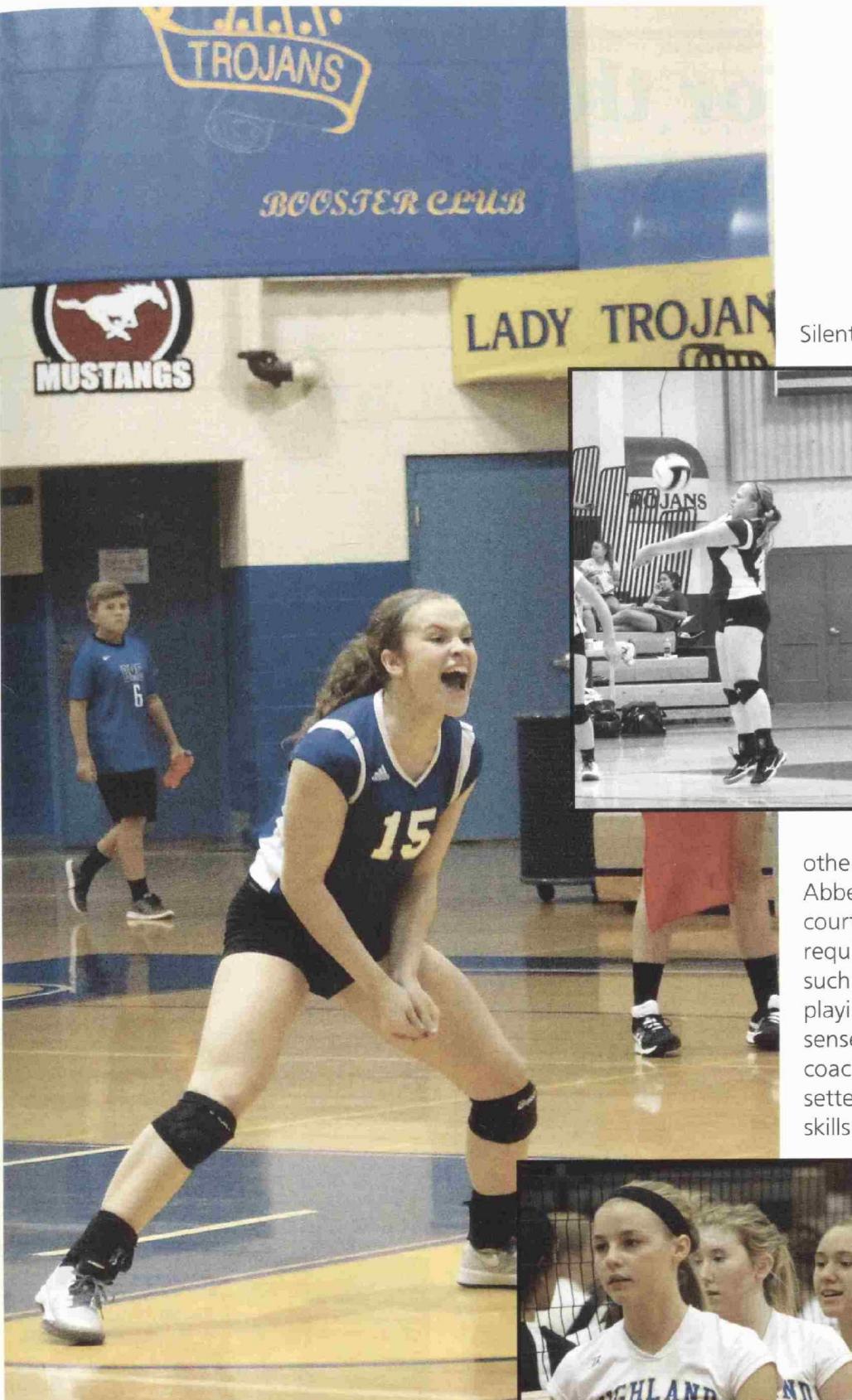
As she kneels down, Mackenzie Lewis (12) watched as Danielle Fowler (12) dove on the floor in attempt to keep the ball in play.

Side-Out Girls

Volleyball is more than sets and giggles

Silent. Though there are noises all around, everything seems to draw silent. The net seems so far away, now, the ball in your hand a heavy weight. It's weightless as it lifts into the air. Electricity flows from your palm and into the ball upon contact. The ball is in play. Though the sport may appear to be easy, a great deal has been put into it. Setting a ball, for instance, has had multiple rules. As a setter, Courtney Morton (11) had to know every tip and trick to it. Morton, when asked what makes setting harder than it looks, responded that it was really a matter of "playing the ball right". Playing volleyball was a challenge, and coaching was a whole other ballgame. As the new coach, Mrs. Abbey Strohl had to transition from the court to the sidelines. She said, "Playing required me to focus on a couple of skills such as serving, setting, and defense. I think playing is much easier than coaching in the sense that all I had to focus on was being coachable and getting my job done as a setter. As a coach, I have to focus on all skills and techniques and make sure I am giving my players all the information and reps they need in order to get better and be successful. The only similarity between the two is cheering on your players or teammates. That's

the fun part!" Volleyball challenged the whole team this year because after all, if the girls wanted "soft serve" they would have gone to Dairy Queen. **PAGE BY:** Paige Fanning **PICTURES BY:** Matthew Mendoza



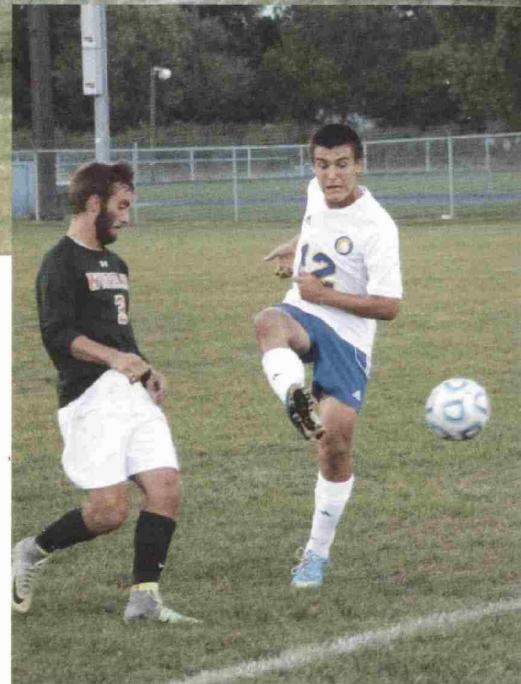
Ready to jump towards her teammates, Danielle Fowler (12) was pumped to have gained possession of the ball in a side out situation. **To achieve the perfect bump**, Mackenzie Lewis (12) dedicated herself to meeting the ball. **Putting in their share** the team exhibited good sportsmanship, and shook hands with their opposing team.

Go for the Goal

Changing the Tide for the Better by Practicing Together as a Cohesive Team



Lined up against the opponent, Brian Burbridge (10) sent the ball back into the playing field in hopes of reaching a teammate. **With all his might**, Mitchell Moynihan (12) worked the ball around Wheeler Bearcats defender midfield. **Wrestling the ball away**, Jack Holl (12) kicked the ball before his opponent. **With his sights on** the ball, Kyle Gordon (9) planned his next move. **Carefully watching the** play, Anthony Mako (10) waited for the goal to be scored.



With arms raised, Joshua Maticik (9) focused on the ball while he tried to maneuver around his opponent. **Anxiously anticipating** for the ball to come his way, Robert Cerda (12) sprinted across the field. **Staying one step ahead** of their opponent, Benjamin Strode (9) and Joshua Krull (10) ran side-by-side as Strode dribbled the ball. **Lining up his shot** Rafael Garcia (10) prepared to pass the ball to his teammate.



Practice Like You've Never Won and Play Like You've Never Lost

Expectations were high when the season kicked off in the fall. However, once game time began, things went crashing down with three quick losses that were expected to be wins. Eric Wood (12) said, "We actually started to try focusing on getting better and working as a team during practice." The tide changed as the team solidified their correct formations. Avery Reinhart (12) said, "We started to see where everyone fit correctly and that helped us a lot on becoming a cohesive team." This change helped drastically to improve the team's performance. Mitchell Moynihan (12) said, "Overall the season went well, but not as good as the plan was. I hoped to win conference or sectionals because it was my last season. However, it felt good to beat Munster for the first time in thirteen years." Players could agree that they couldn't have been as successful as they were without their beloved coach. Moynihan said, "Coach Dorsuleski deserves a pat on the back because he has helped me as a player as well as the program for his time as head coach." **Page by:** Matthew Mendoza
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More Than Driven

"The other players and our competition. If you are not as good or don't work as hard as your opponents, then what's the point?"

- Joshua Rudloff (9)

"I like my passion and desire to play soccer. I have been playing since I was four, and play for the fun of it."

- Michael Johnson (12)

"The competition. I love being able to compete with my team and against other people."

- Evan Hess (10)

"I just have always enjoyed it. It is a fun thing to do."

- Donald Toweson (12)

"My love and passion for the game."

- Mitchell Wagner (9)

"I played it my whole life. My dad brought me into it and his love for it brings it out even more."

- Fidel Iniguez (9)

"I have been playing since I was four years old. It is fun, and I want to keep playing."

- Joseph Tellez (9)

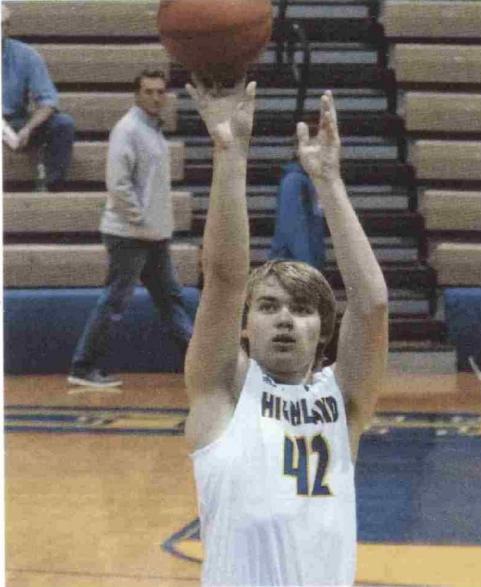
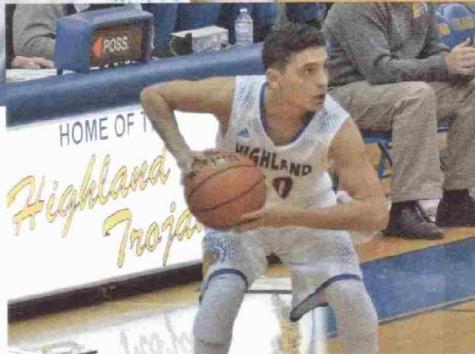
Making Our Own History

Practice Like You've Never Won and Play Like You've Never Lost

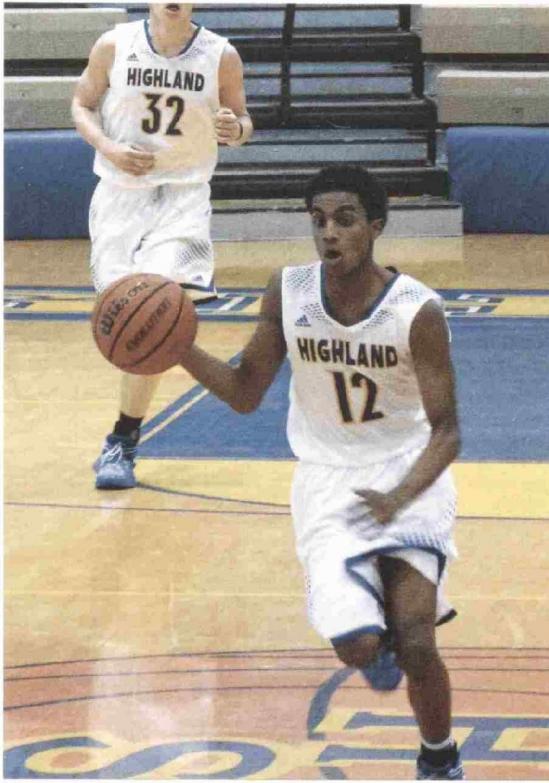


Inching his way to the basket, Nicholis Thompson (11) pushed forward down the floor around the River Forest Ingot defense to add two more points for the Trojans. **Tucking the ball close** Raul Maldonado (11) waited for his teammates to run their cuts so that the Trojans could attack the hoop. **Soaring through the air** Tyler Scheidt (10) was able to easily lay the ball off the glass and into the hoop. **With a look of concentration**, Bradley Reynolds (12) carefully shot a free throw after being fouled in the paint.

Fending off two defenders, Matthew Mendoza (9) goes up for a layup. **Rushing to complete** the three point play, Andrew Scott (9) added one more point to the board.

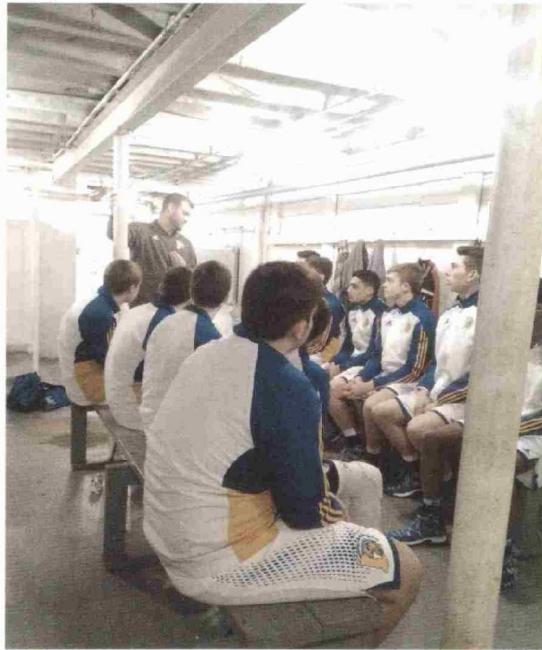


While waiting for his teammate to become open, Tyler Brankin (11) surveyed the defensive strategy before calling out an offensive set. **Having the support of his** teammate, Issac Sytsma (10) effortlessly drove past his opponents. **Lining up his shot** Alex Pulleyblank (11) prepared to score.



“My team is on the floor.”
- Coach Norman Dale (Hoosiers, 1986)

The boys basketball season was given an out of the ordinary opportunity to travel to Knightsville, Indiana, to play the Gavit Gladiators in the gymnasium where the movie ‘Hoosiers’ was filmed. Coach Jordan Heckard said, “It was more than just basketball. We headed out with 12 players on a trip where we were able to experience history and actually have fun as a group with our players.” Bradley Reynolds (12) said, “It was kind of the running joke to quote various lines from the movie. One that was said was ‘My team is on the floor.’ This particular quote made perfect sense because it is nice when coaches believe in players, and the team believes in each other. The season started to feel different after our trip to Knightsville as it served as a turning point for us. We then went on to a five game winning streak and headed into sectionals playing together as a team.” Heckard continued, “It was a great experience seeing our team play as well as they did during this time and we were able to grow as a team.” **Page by:** Matthew Mendoza **Pictures by:** Zoe Kim and Ms. Sherri Ralph **Other photos provided by:** Patrick Ohaver



More Than Experience

“The main thing was leadership and using my voice.”

- Tyler Brankin (11)

“I learned a lot during practice from my teammates. Spending time together lets us know we have someone special.”

- Anfernee Perez-Aquino (11)

“I gained the feeling of having a family. We learned how to play better basketball and bonded together like brothers.”

- Samuel Carpenter (11)

“I learned more about the game and got closer to everyone. Toward the end of the season, we were able to correspond with each other a lot better.”

- Hoyt Bennett (9)

“I matured from playing varsity basketball. It’s definitely a fun, great experience. Basketball teaches you a lot about life’s lessons.”

- Nathan Tuskan (11)

“If you outwork your opponent you will always get the better of them.”

- Adam Ahmad (9)

“I learned a lot about teamwork, and in order to win a team has to work together and not play as individuals.”

- Jordan Siska (10)

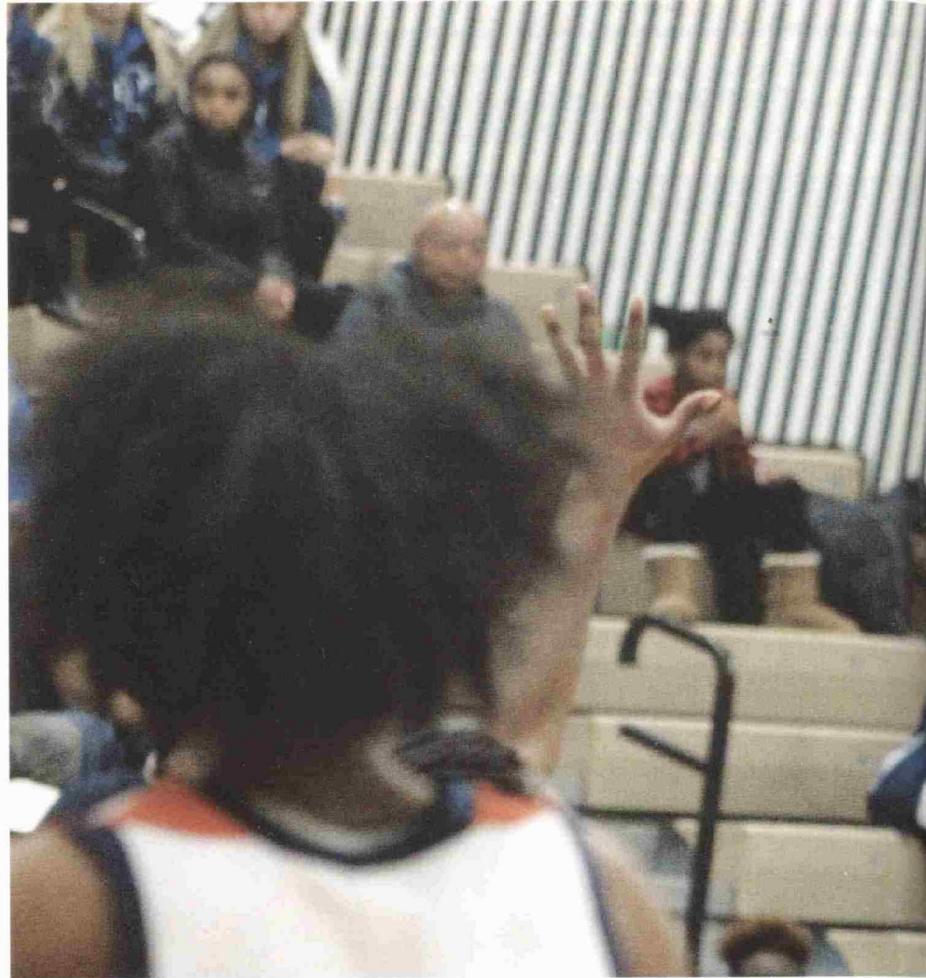
“Paying attention during practice helps, or you lose.”

- William Morinville (10)

“My teamwork skills increased as a result of this season.”

- Anthony Reid (9)

While a junior on the varsity roster, Michaela Schmidt (11) found her way to a starting position and was able to make a positive impact on the run to the post season. **After having** played the last seven seasons together, this group of seniors saw each other through some fantastic moments wearing a Highland uniform.



Leaving a Legacy

By Leaving it All on the Court

Three seasons have passed since the last conference championship season, yet the legacy that began that year continues. During the 2013-14 season, four seniors stood on the sidelines and saw what it meant to work hard. Coach Tracie Mezera-Juarez said, "This group of seniors will be missed because they have really left a legacy of what it means to buy into a program. They showed what can happen when a group is committed to the same goals." Kassidy Morinville (12) said, "Four years ago when I started playing at the freshman level we had a good example of leaders that drew us in. The next year we wanted to step into their place to keep that movement going. As our team grew to who we are today, our chemistry solidified which allowed us to gain trust in each other." The cohesive unit knew each other and the bond of trust allowed teammates to depend on each other to do their specific job. The hard work exhibited by upperclassmen affected

others within the program as well. Olivia Gibson (9), who started this season on the C-team, was inspired by this legacy. Gibson said, "It made me show my love for basketball, and inspired me to work hard. I was shocked when Coach Mezera-Juarez asked me to be a part of the sectional roster, but it made me work much harder to keep up with the other girls." The result of working hard came when the Lady Trojans found themselves in the championship game of sectionals. Though the season ended with a loss, this was an accomplishment well earned. The legacy started long before this season and will continue to carry on through the experience gained by girls in the program. Keelie Gragido (12), Danielle Fowler (12), Taylor Steele (12) and Morinville left this legacy for those like Morgan Rinkema (10), Michaela Schmidt (10) and others to carry on. **Page by:** Matthew Mendoza
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You Must TRUST



"If you want to make something good happen you have to trust your team to actually make it happen. Luckily we were all very close outside of basketball and that is why we meshed well as a team."
- Michaela Schmidt (10)

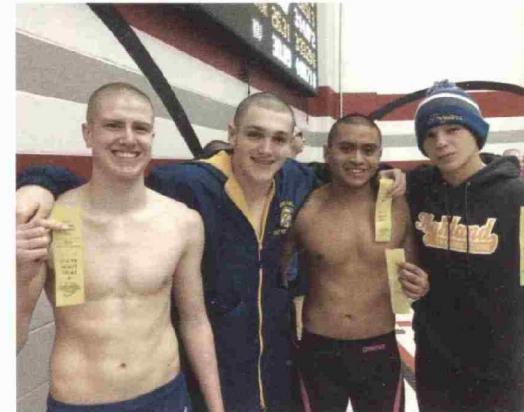
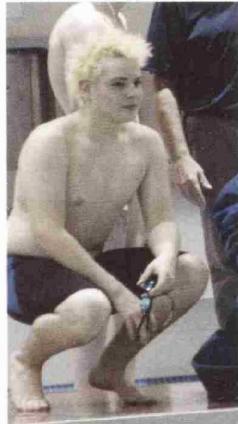
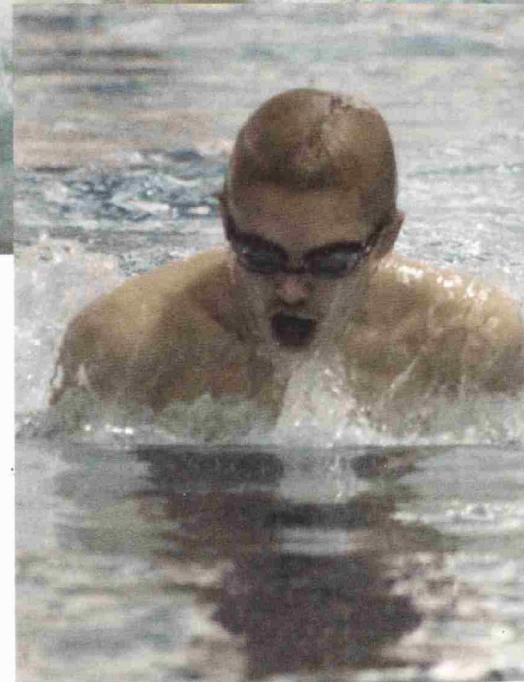
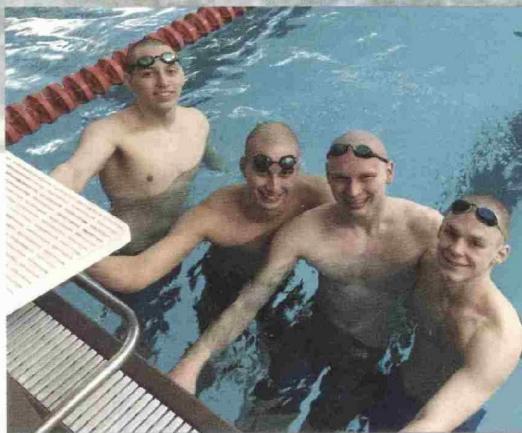
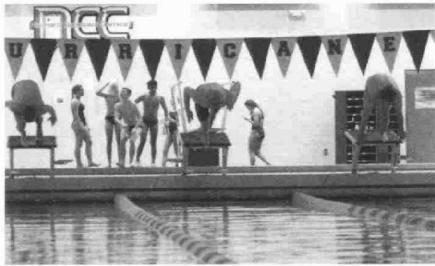
"We came into the year with a set roster, but we had to trust each other so that we could accomplish what was expected of us and what we expected of ourselves.
- Danielle Fowler (12)



As the crowd threw their hands up to cheer for a three point basket scored, Morgan Rinkema (10) sent a shot into the air with perfect form. **To obtain** more points for her team, Taylor Steele (12) took advantage of an open opportunity. **Unable to push** the ball into the paint, Artasia James (11) reversed the ball to the top of the key. **Trying to avoid** a turnover, Meaghan Hillier (11) pivoted out of a tough situation. **With a steady** hand, Grace Aurand (9) brought the ball back out to the wing area of the court.

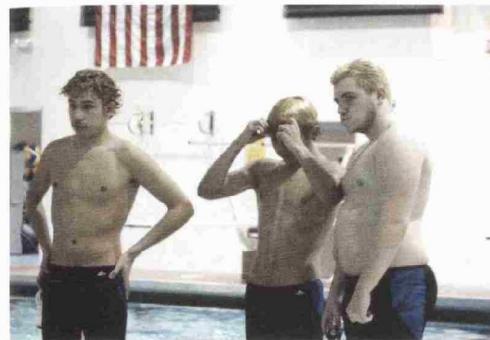
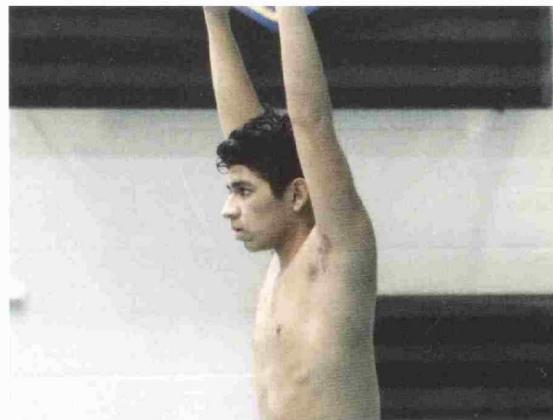
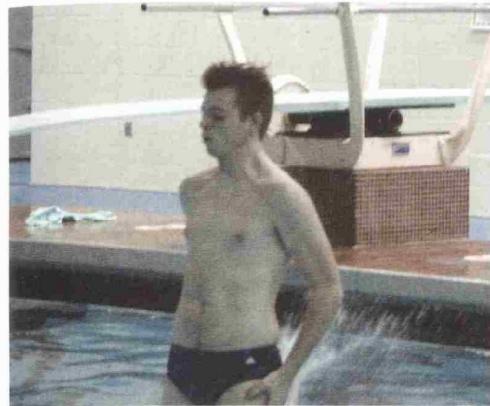
History Repeats

Swimming is a Lifestyle



Gasping for a breath, Clayton Whiting (11) performed the breaststroke. **As fellow divers waited,** three boys dived in. Taking a quick breather, Estevan Ramirez (11), Cristian Zendejas (12), Ethan Churilla (10), and Scott Stange (11) smiled for a quick photo. **Rushing to finish** his stroke, Logan Juran (10) dragged his head out of the water. **Looking at the swimmers,** Felipe Arbelaez (9) held a squatted position. **Before going out,** Andrew Vassar (11) put on his goggles. **Holding their ribbons,** Hunter Reilly (11), Alexander Melby (10), Edward Pedroza (11), and Connor Begeske (9) took a quick photo.

In an effort to complete his pencil dive, Zachary Kochvar (12) kept his arms at his sides. **With all his might**, Ethan Churilla (10) cut through the water. **With looks of concern** for their teammate, Ethan Morgan (11), Joshua Johnston (9) and Jhovany Leon Vazquez (9) gawked across the pool. **Arms stretched out**, Vicente Ayon (12) prepared for his dive.



More Than Doing Laps

"Swimming isn't just what you do in the pool, it's also the relationships you have outside the pool."

- Ethan Lewis (10)

"[Swimming] is about the team atmosphere and being a family."

- Alexander Melby (10)

"Swimming is more of a mental sport than it is physical because you have to go out on the block and try not to think of anything but swimming the best you can."

- David Mendoza (10)

"Swimming is a lifestyle that builds both character and a family."

- Logan Jurian

Practice Like You've Never Won and Play Like You've Never Lost

New beginnings, last endings, and amazing victories were blessings that filled the season for the bleached hair boys. With an intention of making historical marks to fill the natatorium, Coach Nick Castillo carried a team that was able follow through with the plan. The end of a legacy left behind by Cristian Zendejas (12) was all that they needed to know that they had to give everything that they had at all of their meets. "This year is my last ride," said Zendejas, "I've been swimming for 11 years. I've loved Highland and swimming in this pool since I was little. And this year, going out there and racing for my family, my teammates, and especially myself, I do the sport. So it's great to go out and race for my last year." Along with the leadership and model athlete that Zendejas provided in addition to the 2016 state qualifier Ethan Churilla (10), the remainder of the team followed suit. Churilla said, "Going into this year I knew what the competition and the environment was going to be like. There were no surprises, I just wanted to do better than what I did last year. My experience from last season allowed me to give tips to my teammates that helped them not only race better but be more mentally prepared for sectionals. With a strong start the boys defeated Lake Central for the first time in seven years at their first home meet. Coach Nick Castillo said, "It was a pretty good feeling because we haven't done that in a long time. I was actually a part of that team when we beat them. To be a part of both sides of it, beating them back in my day in '03 and beating them now is pretty sweet because not many people can do that. It was pretty fun but to go out there and watch the boys race lifetime bests set everybody off for the rest of the season. That's why we ended up 10-3 which is the third best all-time record in Highland history, and why we ended up as one of the best teams in the region." **Page by:** David Mendoza
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Swimming through the water, Paige Spiegel (11) raced to finish her event, aiming for a personal best time. **With eyes focused on** her relay partner, Katherine Krick (11) prepared to jump into the pool. **As she stepped up** to the block, Alexandra Rose (9) waited for her relay partner to complete her portion of the race so that she could enter the pool. **With her hands** in the air, Kenna Crowel (11) prepared to perform her dive. **Rushing to finish** the race Riley Henry (11) swam the 100 yard backstroke as one of her events. **With a look of concentration** Morgan Rose (11) stepped up to the block to prepare for her leg of the 200 yard medley relay.



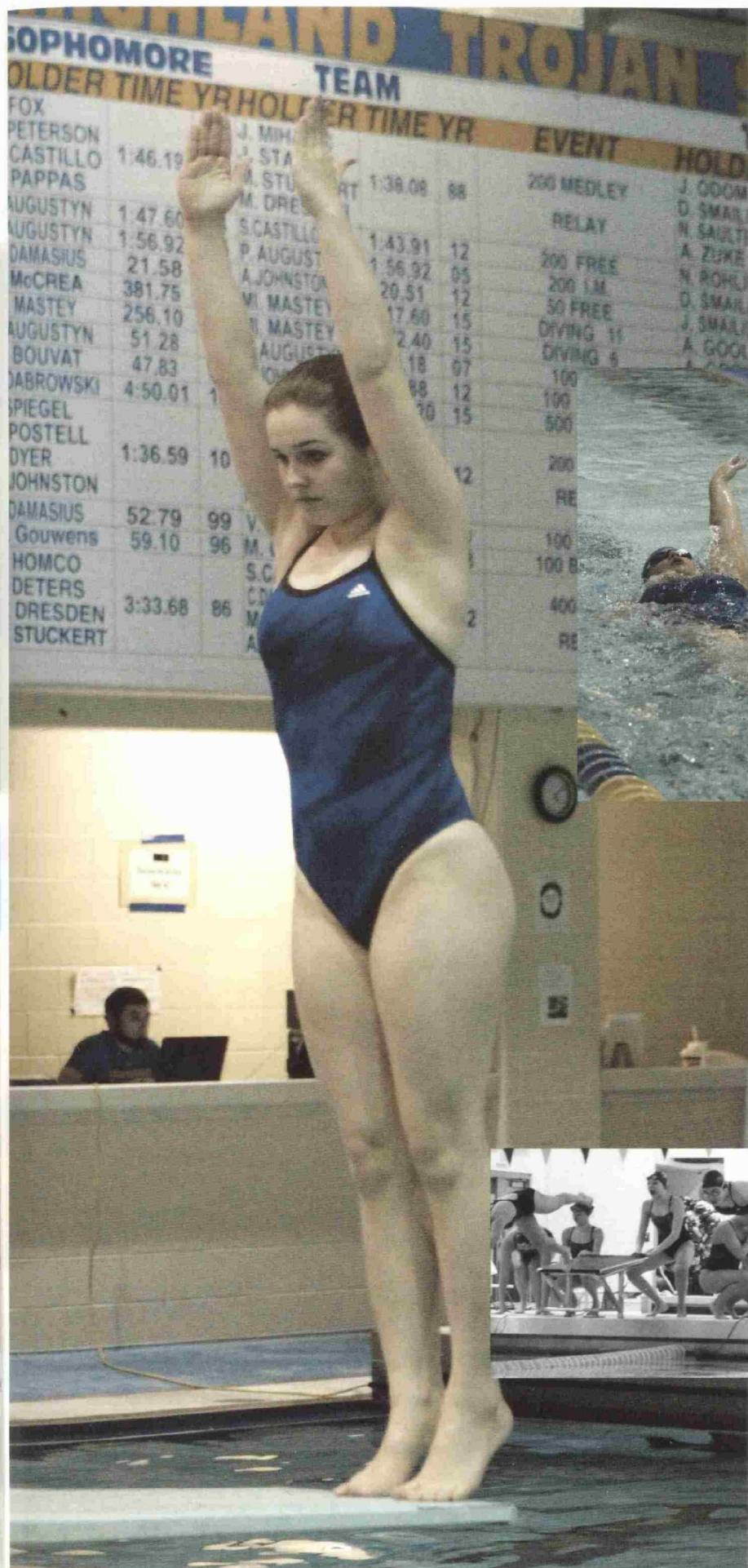
"I placed in sectionals by making the cuts twelve out of nineteen. I was able to place fifteen out of sixteen. I wouldn't be there without practicing everyday for two hours in the mornings. I made a goal to go to sectionals so being there proved to me that hard work pulls off."

- Arianna Winchell (9)



Putting in their share of work, the girls swim team, though small in number, made several accomplishments this season.

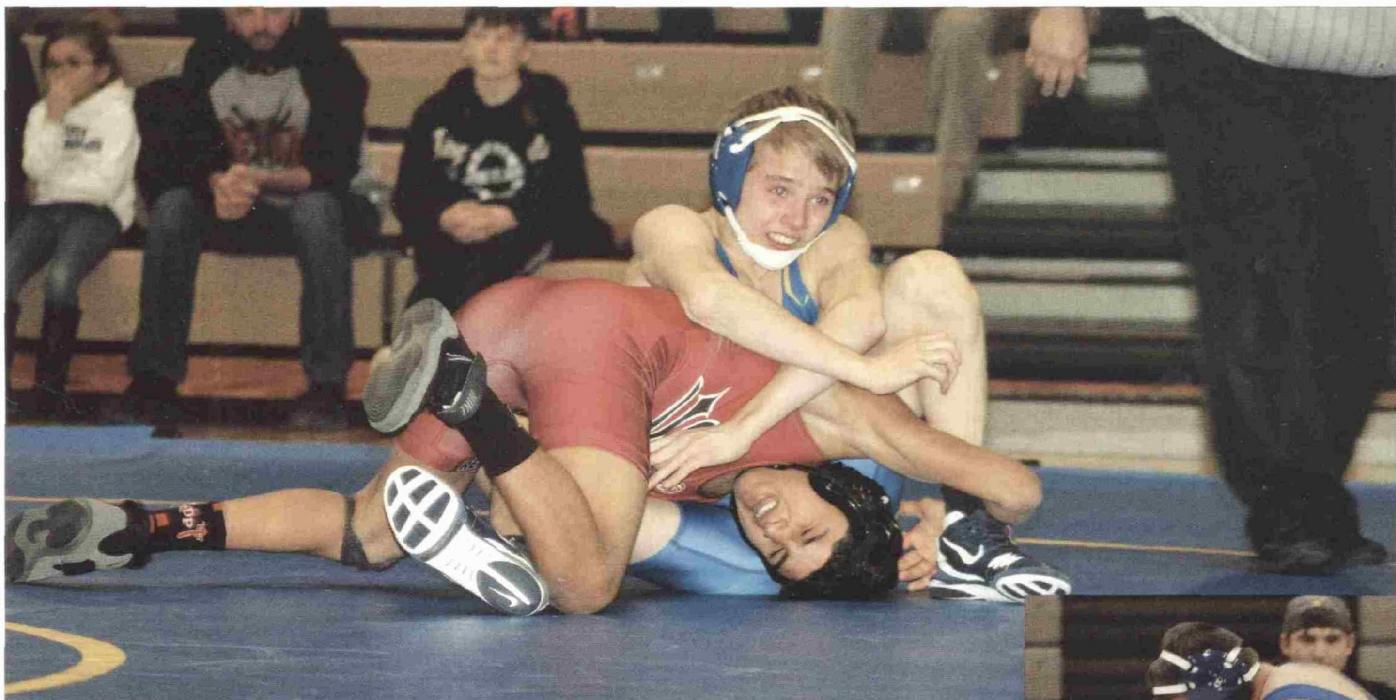
More Than Splashing Around



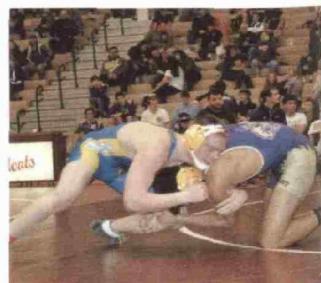
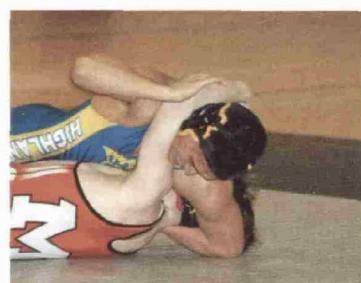
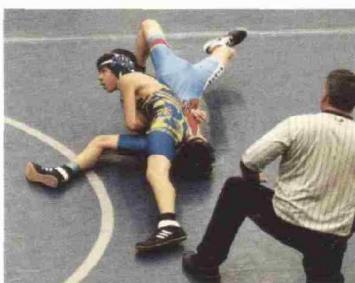
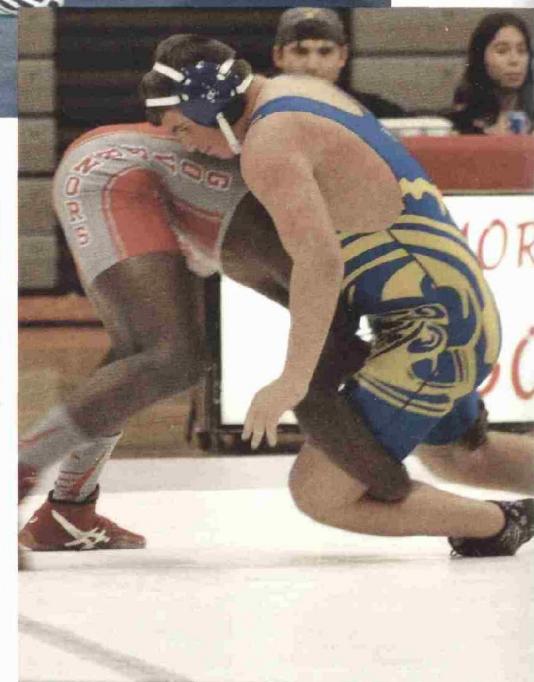
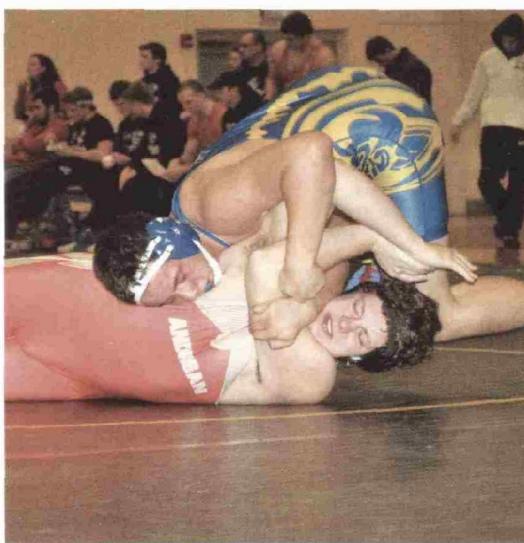
Small in numbers but large in spirit, the girls swim team worked as hard as possible to reach their goals for the season. This year was especially hard to compete as a team due to the small size of the team, but that did not stop them from trying their hardest. Each girl vowed to give a full one hundred percent, per Coach Nick Castillo's request. Riley Henry (11) was a third year team member that did not have a problem agreeing to this request. "One goal of mine was to get best times in the 100 yard backstroke, so I worked hard at practice and pushed myself to my very limits," Henry said. But it was not just Henry that worked hard to get to their goal, the whole team worked together to meet theirs. Other team member Paige Spiegel (11) said, "My teammates pushed me to do my best while helping each other at the same time. Together we help each other to do better." **Page by:** David Mendoza **Photos by:** Ms. Sherri Ralph

Committed to Excellence

Developing a Passion



Searching for success, Jacob Hirchak (11) scrambled to fight for a power half at the one hundred twenty pound weight class. **Adjusting the grip**, Samuel Perez (9) tightened up a bundle to earn a pin against Andrean. **In an effort to sprawl back**, Justin Bogner (9) worked to capitalize against his opponent. **In order to over power** his Wildcat opponent, Mateo Garcia (9) used a chicken wing maneuver at the one hundred six pound class. **Trying to stay** in the lead, Elias Covarrubias (11) tightened up a half nelson to dominate his Munster opponent. **With his sights on** a win, Bryan Barajas (11) powered through to get his Hobart opponent on the mat.



More Than Driven

"I don't like to be on the losing side of a match."

- Brandon Phillips (9)

"Support from my teammates and coaches provide the tools for me to do my best, and I want to win to pay them back for their support."

- Austin Wheeler (10)

"I want to make it to state before I graduate because this has been my dream since I started wrestling at age five."

- Raul Mendoza (11)

"Coaches and teammates make me work harder."

- Justin Davis (11)

"My teammates are always encouraging me to do my best."

- Eric Larkin (12)

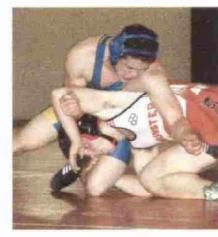
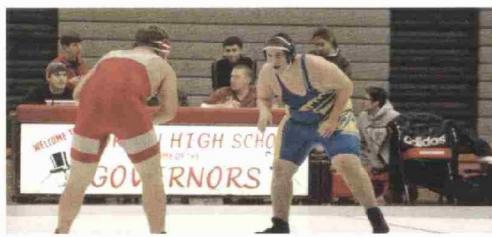
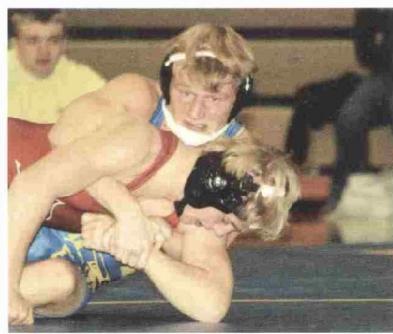
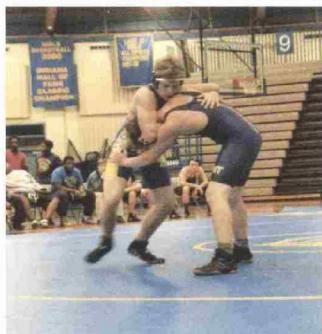
"My friends and family told me wrestling would make me mentally and physically stronger so I could be a better athlete."

- Steven Niemann (10)

"To know that I won a match without the team and on my own proves that all my hard work I put in during practice paid off."

- Christopher Houk (10)

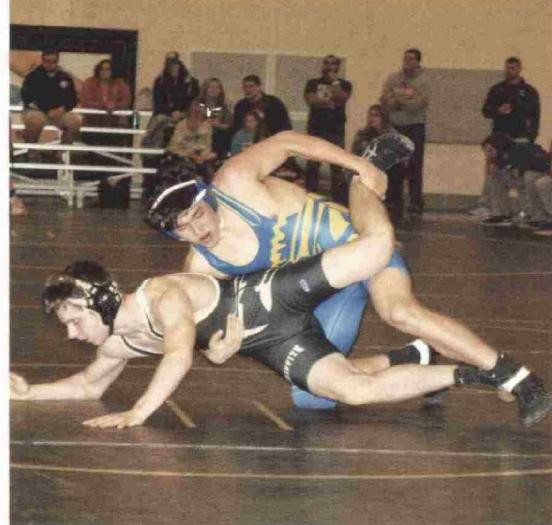
Straining with all his might, Michael Leneave (11) fought off a two on one wrist lock to base up on his opponent. **Stressed out over the work,** Cody Leneave (9) tightening up a front head lock in order to take his opponent down. **Soaked with sweat,** Ryan McKnight (12) worked a two on one wrist lock to a body tilt. **With a look of concentration,** Noah Vanhoose (9) took an offensive stance to size up his opponent. **Inching his way** to a victory Kyle Foster (12) worked to block his opponent out. **Pumped up and using** a tight waist far ankle grip, Alexander Lopez (11) forced his opponent to the mat.



"The sport of wrestling is a life style. Through hard work, determination, and passion anyone can achieve greatness."

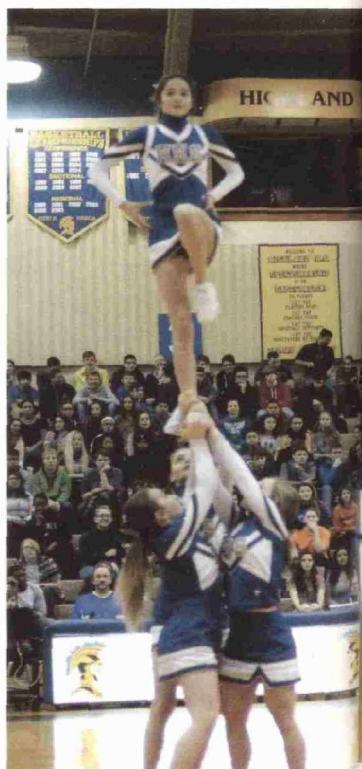
- Coach Christopher Kirincic

Two warriors, elegant but barbaric, enter the ring with one thought in mind: dominance. Fighters were friends. Hands shook, the gloves came off, and the war began. Coach Christopher Kirincic said, "My words of inspiration are always to leave it all on the mat to each Trojan wrestler," as they turn to enter their match. As an athlete, Jacob Hirchak (11) says, "Motivation for the mat reminds me that expectations from people who inspire me to work harder help me do the best I can." Hirchak's efforts were worth while as he was a semi-state qualifier this season. Overall, "The program saw improvement again this season finishing with 12 wins and 8 losses in dual meets. Nine out of fourteen wrestlers went on regionals and to top that high mark, we were able to send multiple wrestlers on to semi-state. That was a first in my tenure as head coach here at Highland," Coach Kirincic said. **Page by:** Khyree Brooks **Photos by:** Zoe Kim **Additional photos provided by:** P.O.P. Photography





Students in the bleachers watched in pure amazement as they were entertained by the flying cheerleaders before them. Twice during the 2016-17 school year Highland High School held a pep rally in the gymnasium. To build school spirit, the cheerleaders performed their elaborate cheer routines which featured mesmerizing stunts. D'Jesenia Torres (10), who helped make stunts complete, served as a flyer. "I have to learn very important fundamentals in cheer like making sure I can lift my own weight to help the bases, balancing, and keeping my arms, legs, and stomach tight as well," said Torres. Aside from the fundamentals, Torres needed certain traits to perform her best. "A lot of trust is needed for the stunts to work," she admitted. For many cheerleaders like her, cheering was a full time job that required many hours of dedication. "Flying is dangerous, but if done correctly it is so much fun!"

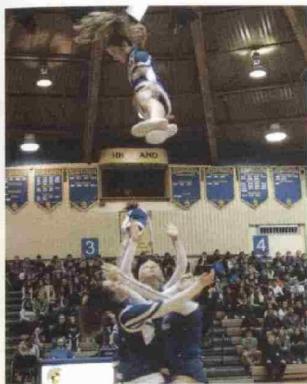


Capturing the attention of the crowd, cheerleaders' stunts left the crowd in awe. **Heading to the pep rally,** cheerleaders sport their team's signature glitter bow. **Surrounded by the cheering crowd,** Alexus Mathis (12) smiled enthusiastically. **To impress the crowd,** the cheerleaders showed off their skills during a football game. **Having the support of** her cheerleader teammates, Grace Girman (9) rose into the air and inspired the crowd during the pep rally.





Spirit From Bow to Toe



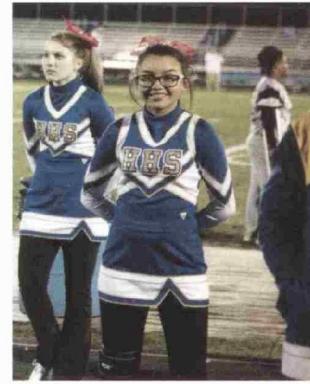
With arms outstretched, teammates work together to catch their flyer D'Jesenia Torres (10).



Right in step with the music, the cheer team brought the crowd to their feet with their routine.



With a look of determination, Dionne Wilson (10) perfectly landed her back handspring.



Ready to cheer on the Trojans, Lexus Spinato (9) stood with the rest of her team on the side lines.



Taking a deep breath, bases, Arianna Winchell (9) and Angel Martinez (12) prepared to perform the breathtaking stunt with their flyer. **From the sidelines,** the cheerleaders cheered on the football players to a victory. **To increase spirit,** Ella Crowel (9) and Jenna Holguin (9) rhythmically chanted and cheered. **Right in step with** each other, the cheerleaders performed during the winter pep rally. **Sounds of stomping feet and** clapping hands erupted in the crowded stands after the cheerleaders finished their routine.

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Dance to State

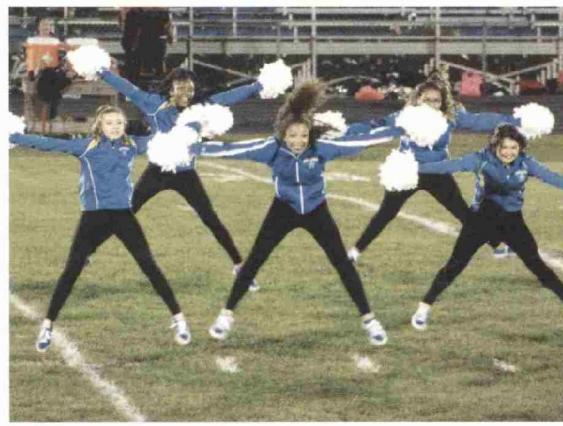
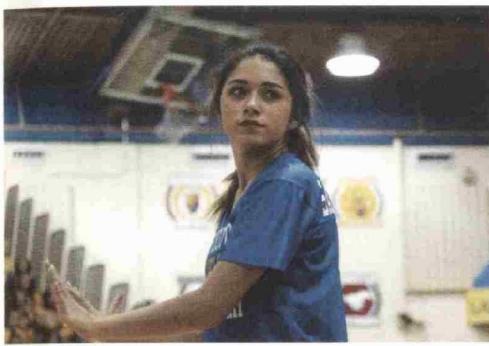
"Dance is more than exercise; it is an art." - Brianna Baca (12)



Holding the ending position, the Sapphires completed their homecoming pep rally routine. **To help lead the** Trojans to a weekend filled with school spirit, Corlizha Walker (11) brought a dramatic look to enhance her routine. **As the crowd** watched in awe, Yesmin Zitioiu (10) twirled her way while keeping count. **Instead of the usual** hip hop routine, the Sapphires performed a pom routine for a halftime performance.



In anticipation of the pep rally performance, Kelsie Zuklin (11) prepared to land her turns. To get ready for the Twilight Parade, the Sapphires dressed in patriotic colors to support our great country. Heading back to a new formation, Arianna Dmytriw (10) looked towards her new formation position. After completing their jump, Sapphires returned to the ground in a timed landing.



When in Doubt, Dance it Out

Through months of summer practices and two very long sports seasons, the Sapphires performed countless routines in front of crowds of all sizes. Through hip hop, pom, and jazz, the Sapphires expressed themselves in a wide style of dance. Making routines cohesive and in sync took long practice hours and trials of run throughs on practice floors of all sorts as they never had a consistent practice arena. Traveling between studios, school, gym, and outdoor practices to make sure that footing was down for all of the jumps and spins, the Sapphire members worked for one reason - competition season. Junior varsity and varsity teams were split into their two divisions competing against local schools. Junior varsity placed third at regionals and were state qualifiers. Varsity placed fifth at regionals and were also state qualifiers. Makenzie Marwitz (10), junior varsity captain, said, "The JV team has gone very far compared to last year with a dramatic increase in our scores. The dedication that our group had allowed us to form a tight knit bond, advance, and find success this season." The requirements and challenges that these girls face were tougher than others thought. With poses, stretching, and a whip, timing in choreography was essential and the results came from a strong sense of trust between the unit. **Page by:** John O'Connor **Pictures by:** Ms. Sherri Ralph Other photos provided by: Makenzie Marwitz



More Than a Dance Routine

"Brittany Shoemake has been my coach since I was in Pop Warner in 5th grade. I followed her to her studio and then was able to be a part of the Sapphires team with her as my coach. My solo was something I just did for fun. I did not feel I would have made it to state because it was a last minute decision. Coach reminded me, 'Even though I do not give myself enough credit, I am better than I think I am.' I am thankful for her support."

- Megan Olszanski (10)

More Than Competition

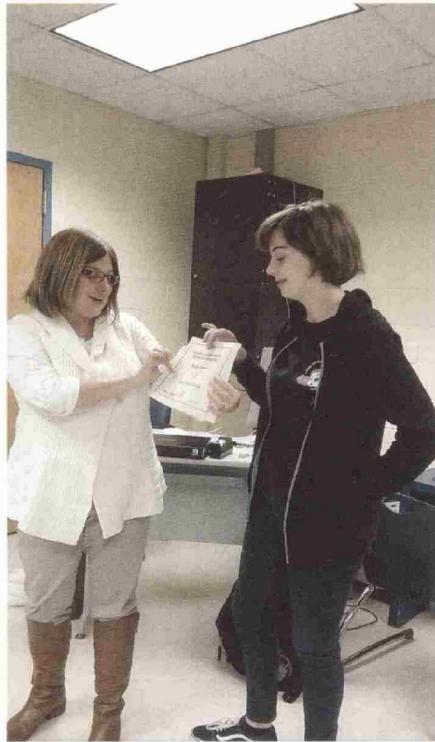
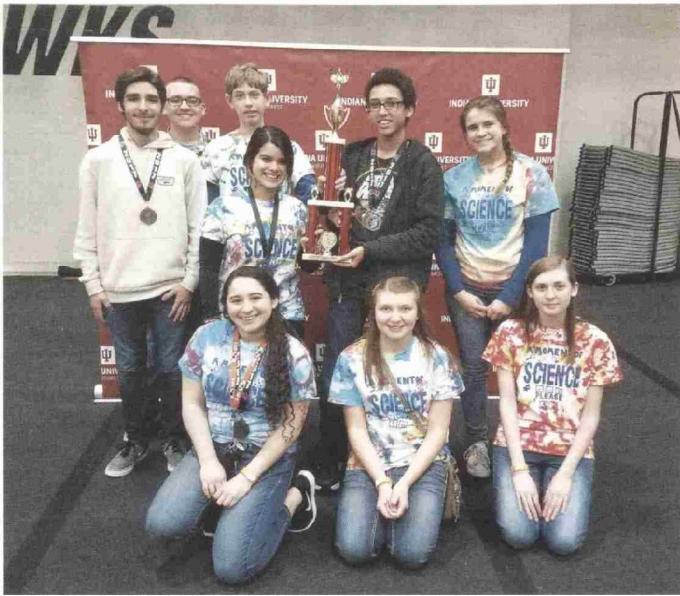
Friendship and Commitment Complete a Team



Huddled around the trophy were students who participated in the Academic Decathlon that were thrilled to place. **Anxiously anticipating** the photograph to be taken, Hannah Hennessy (12), Abigail Rodriguez (11), and Mireya Felix (12) posed with the trophy in excitement. **In an effort to piece together** the wooden model, Brianna Dewey (9) and Marcel Lopez (10) used teamwork to finish the intricate design.



More Than Academics



Taking time out for breakfast, Academic Decathlon stopped to eat before competition. **All smiles with** satisfaction from a rigorous day, the Science Olympiad were proud of the work they accomplished together. **Consuming the last** minutes of the competition, the Academic Decathlon gathered around each other to capture the moment. **Awarded for** poetry at the NSPA-JEA National HS Convention, Delany Sizemore (11) received her award. **After following through** with competing, Jillian Parsley (9), Grace Aurand (9), and Isabelle Hibbird (9) were proud of the job well done that was the result of their hard work.

"Mr. Steenson persuaded me to join academic decathlon this year and I'm glad I did because it will look good on college applications."
- Heaven Phillips (10)

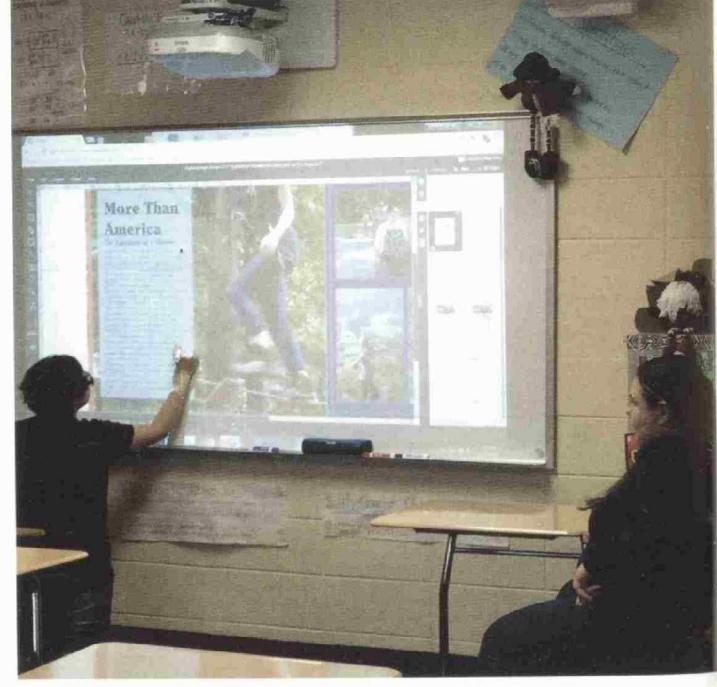
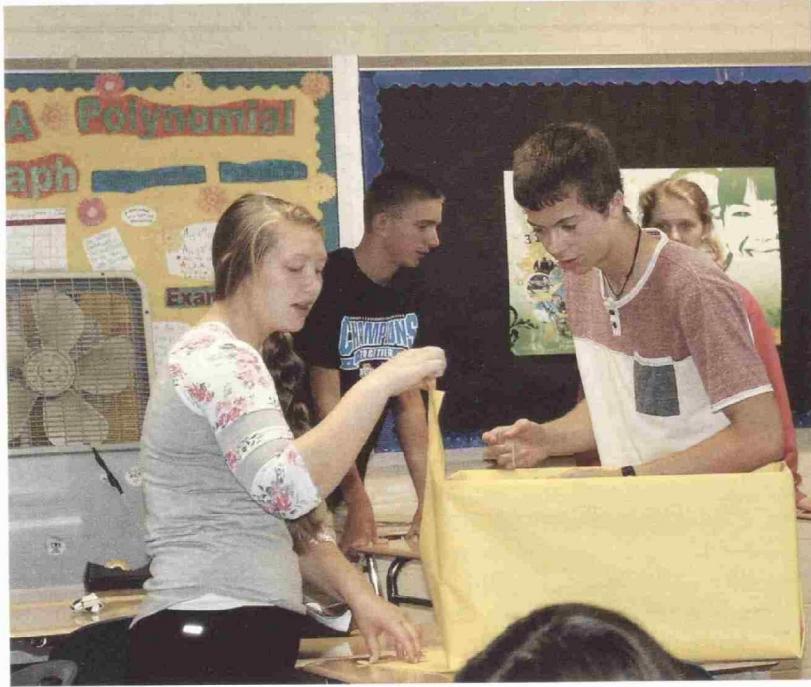
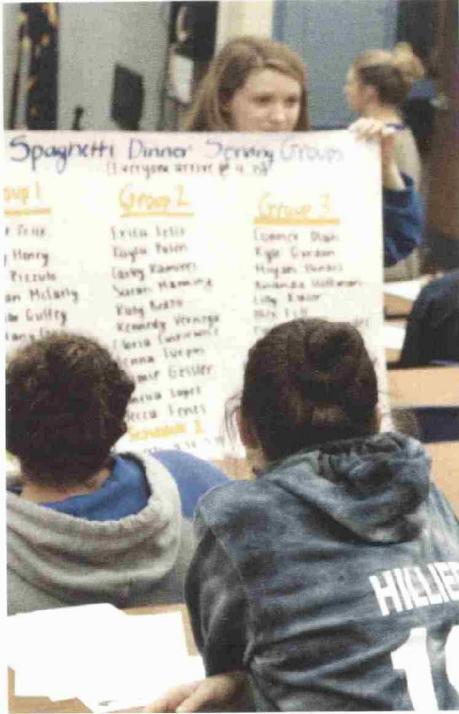
"Academic Decathlon gives me confidence because it proves a level of intelligence."
- Jade Watts (11)

"When I was younger, I always participated in science fairs which led me to like science so I joined Science Olympiad."
- Ashley Gomez (9)

"Science has always been something I loved and I wanted to be able to express my passion for science."
- Nicholas Markus (9)

"Academic Decathlon was a great experience because we were able to compete against other schools over academics."
- Christopher Peters (11)

Working Past the Day



Meticulously working with other National Honor Society members, Lily Wall (11) helped cover boxes for the annual food drive. **In an effort to piece together** the job assignments for the annual spaghetti dinner, Katherine Krick (11) presented the list of group members. **Utilizing their talents**, Girl Up made posters for a fundraiser. **Escaping a monotonous Friday**, Lauren Gora (11) and Collin Kinley (11) worked together to wrap boxes for the upcoming National Honor Society service project.

Focused on the task of editing a spread, Paige Fanning (10) and Sarah Regin (9) corrected the copy before submitting it to the printer.



Taking a quick break, the group stopped to take a load off their feet. **Discussing the next** issue at hand, student council members gathered in the LGI for one of their monthly meetings.



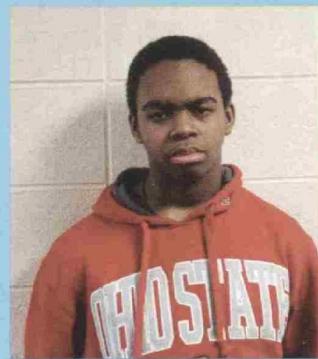
"Bowling is a hobby of mine. I knew I would love to continue playing for the school rather than on my own time. I make sure that my homework is done before I leave for practices and matches. I also have worked to keep my grades up so that I can stay involved with the team."

- Adam Hartman-Graves (9)



"I don't remember why I originally joined HTC, but I am involved in this great group now because I have found that they are very accepting and they are my second family. My peers could come to me at any time and I would be willing to help any of them out, and I feel they would do the same for me."

- Kyrstyn Glover (11)



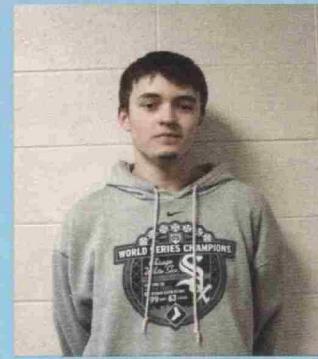
"I did not participate in any after school activities this year, because I wanted to focus on my grades instead. I have a pre-ap course, and I felt my grades had more importance."

- Zachary Davis (9)



"I participate in after school conditioning for football to try to make the team next year. Therefore I don't join any other after school clubs because after weights I am just really tired."

- Colt Cash (10)

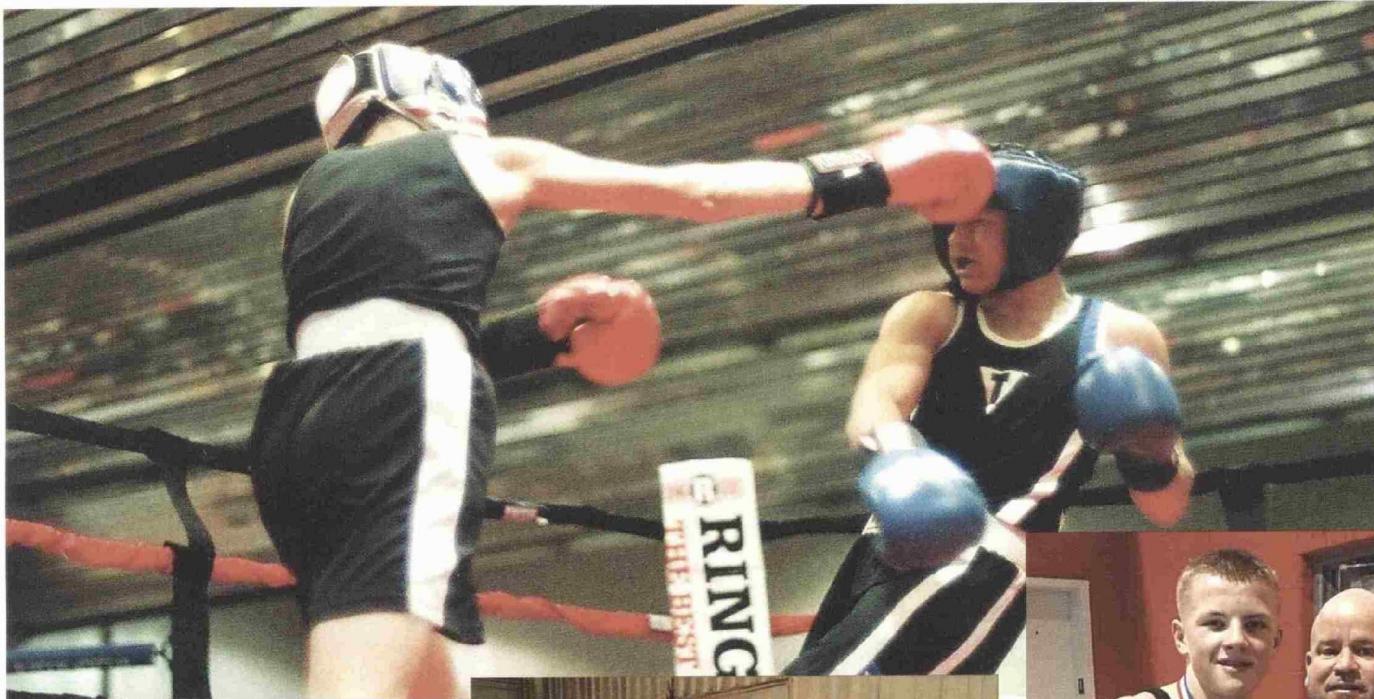


"I have been bowling since I was a little kid. When I heard the announcement to join freshman year I took the opportunity and signed myself up. I make sure all of my grades are up and that my homework is done."

- Thomas Vanderlee (12)

More Than Highland to Us

Involvement in local clubs and organizations sends students out into the world.



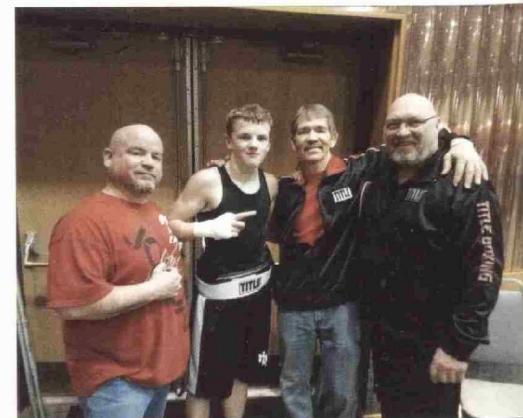
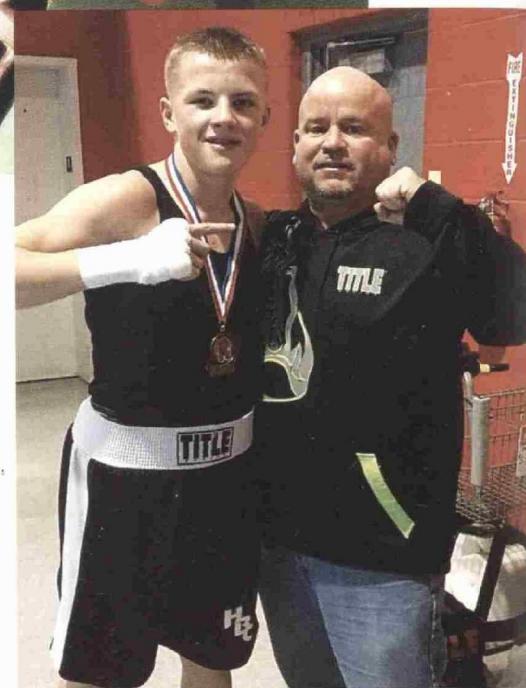
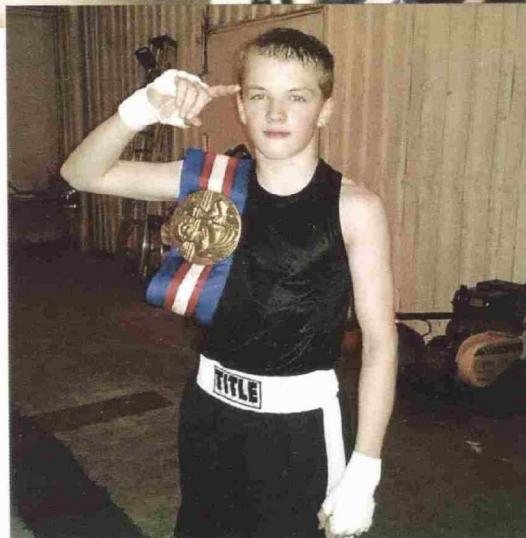
Soaked with sweat, Stevenson proudly presented his newly earned belt.

Having the support of his coach, Stevenson was able to compete against others around the area, nationally and internationally in his young boxing career. **Drowning out the background noise**, Stevenson focused on his performance in the ring.

Surrounded by his coaches from Hammond Boxing Club, Stevenson appreciated them for their teachings.

Ready to go on the ice, Nicholas Rycerz (12) sported his hockey gear and equipment. **Decked out in their hockey gear**, Highland students playing on different teams grouped together before a Bishop Noll vs Munster game. **Determined to** win the game, Tyler Potesta (12) played defense as the opponent took a wrist shot.

Intently watching his opponent's moves, Hunter Houchin (11) blocked a shot from a Bishop Noll player and protected the goalie.



More Than Involved

"I have been involved in Boy Scouts of America for in elementary school, and have stayed involved to give me something to do. I like to be outdoors, and the hands on activities is always fun."

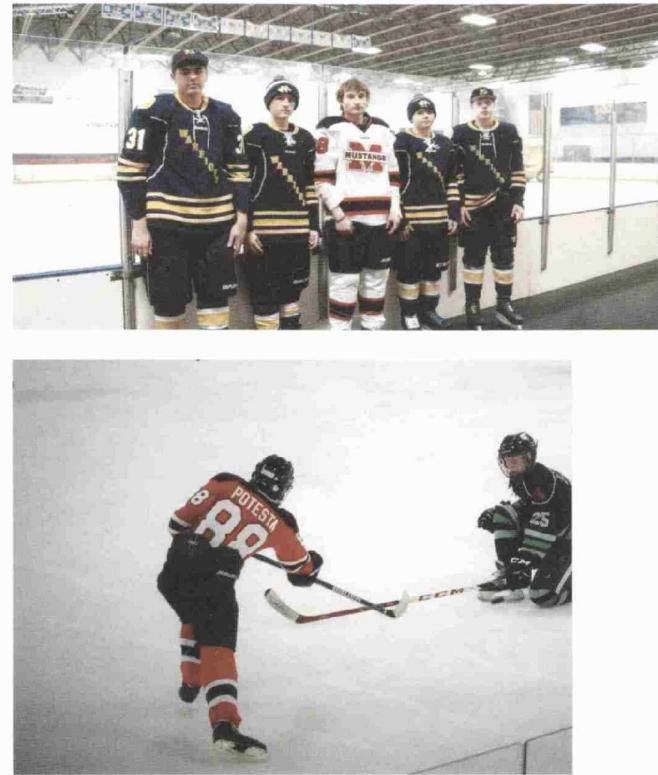
- Cade Harsh (10)

"I have been involved in baseball since little league, and am now a part of the Highland Babe Ruth program. The reason I joined was to spend time with my dad. He has had a love for baseball since he was child, and it's something we now share."

- Edwin DeJesus (10)

"I am obsessed with volleyball, so I never stop playing. I currently play for a club team out of Hobart so that I can play year round."

- Savannah Morgan (9)



Without a sanctioned team, Highland Trojan students had to work for their sport with other teams.

Left without a sanctioned team for the Trojans, Highland students who love the game of hockey were left reaching out for alternatives. After playing club for the last five years, Alex Dickey (10) decided to put in for the draft for the high school hockey league. Local schools such as Munster, Bishop Noll Institute and Crown Point had their hockey club teams that participate in the Illinois High School League. They were able to draft students from Highland since we did not have a team of our own. Dickey was chosen to play for the Warriors of Bishop Noll. While playing for Noll had its advantages, its late night practices made balancing studies difficult for our students.

Other students' interests ranged further than those activities offered by local schools. While some chose hockey or other organizations, David Stevenson (9) developed a passion for boxing at the age of nine. Being a member of the Hammond Boxing Club team was something that Stevenson wanted to do. "I could have chosen football, but with boxing I can go all year round." Stevenson saw success in his years. He won at the state level five times, won a Power Glove tournament out of Chicago, Illinois and earned a runner up title at the regional competition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Stevenson hoped to compete at the national level during the summer of 2017. In order to do so, his training schedule called for three hour sessions for five days a week. While the end dream was to go pro, Stevenson's dedication to the sport was one that not many students his age comprehend, but one that he believed in as he looked to his future. **Page by:** Matthew Mendoza **Photos provided by:** Tyler Potesta & David Stevenson



Developing Leadership Skills



"It is a good feeling to be a leader for my peers because of the responsibility that I am able to take on. It has its challenges, but watching my peers grow throughout the four years is something that makes it worth while."

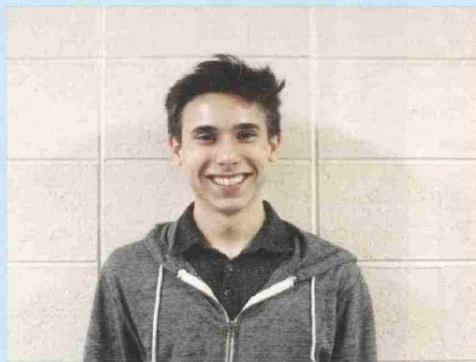
- DELIA CURTIS
(10)

"Being editor-in-chief for the past two school years has led me to be more confident and willing to take on new challenges; it helped me grow as a person. Holding a leadership position has many rewards."

- SARA MILLER
(12)



Point of View



"I admire Ethan Churilla (10) because Highland doesn't really have any big time athletes, and it's inspirational to see one of our own make his way to the State competition."

- Antonio Gonzalez (10)

"Knowing that my peers view me as a leader, it makes me want to work harder to keep that spot."

- Joseph Kerber (9)

"Wendolin Mata (10) has been helpful to me transitioning to a new school because she helped me with navigating this school, and helping adjust with school work."

- Alexis Kellum (10)

Master of the House

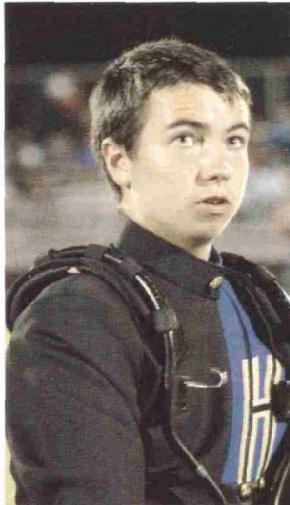
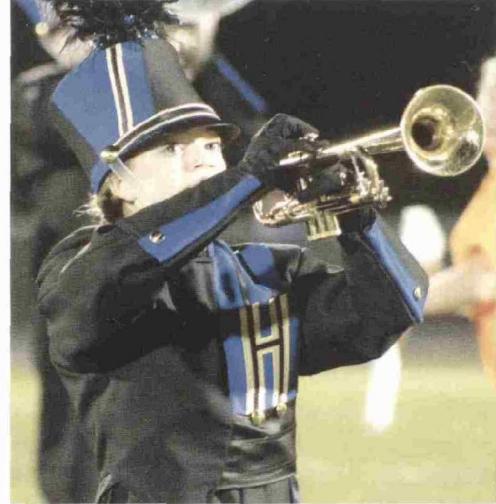
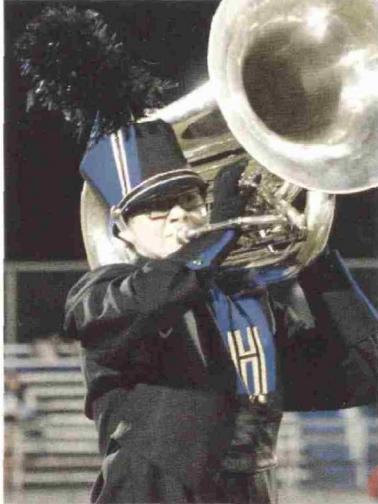
There were many leaders in this school that took a stand for bettering the school environment this year. Students had an opportunity to be the voice that represented various organizations from class representatives to officers.

Highland students made a positive impact not only on their school but for their peers and community as well. Matthew Cotner (11) was awarded an opportunity to represent Highland in a special way. Cotner was one of sixteen students out of the entire state selected to be apart of the IHSSA Student Advisory Committee. Cotner said, "Having the privilege to be selected into that program has been a fantastic experience. It has been truly fun to take part in the wonderful state championships the IHSAA tirelessly puts on every sports season. I also have enjoyed bringing the partnership with Special Olympics back to Highland. The Athletic Leadership Committee has worked very hard to raise the money and awareness for this cause, and it has paid dividends. I hope we continue to achieve bigger and better things to continue to aid Special Olympics Indiana."

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Practicing his routine, Jonas Rigney (9) focused on his music. **With a look of concentration**, Alexandra Rose (9) played with an injured hand. **In an effort to piece together** practices, Nicole Czarnecki (11) was prepared for halftime. **Surrounded in glory**, the band marched together in tempo. **Through the intense volume of music** being played, Melanie Perez (12) used her best facial expression for the show. **Intently watching** his drum major, Christopher Koutz (10) played percussion on beat. **Anxiously anticipating** the start of the show, David Mendoza (10) was ready to perform. **All smiles with** intricate flag work, guard members worked to wow the crowd. **To get ready for** the third movement, drumline marched to the sidelines. **Holding the** flute, Phillip Bock (9) put forth his best effort.



Kankakee Valley High School Invitational

Gold

Highland High School Invitational

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Penn High School Invitational

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Elkhart Memorial High School Invitational

Gold with Visual Achievement



Stopping to hold, Kenna Crowel (11) stood still mid performance. **To impress** the crowd, Eleanor Davis (9) nailed the drill routine. **During a show**, Khyree Brooks (9), in his element, played his saxophone. **To ensure** visuals, Margaret Hanvey (10) tossed and caught her rifle. **Arms raised**, the guard tossed flags during a power movement.

Perspectives

The summer heat and school year did not stop dedicated musicians in the band from doing what they loved. Sectionals, on field practices, and competitions were incorporated into busy schedules that had devoted students putting their every effort into perfecting drill and music that captivated their audience. "I stayed positive and was more confident with myself as the season ended," said Joshua Cox (9). This year's performance integrated cubes used as props by not only color guard, but the band as well. Melanie Perez (12) said, "It was very unique and different. Using cubes as our props were a ton of fun! I think they were a major theme for Perspectives." For the first time, the band competed in Scholastic A and took first place at the Elkhart Memorial High School Invitational as well as second place at Penn High School Invitational. Marching band was more than the individual talent each ardent musician possessed...it was about how they came together to be one sound as one band. Most importantly, the band was a family that supported each other through the ups and downs on and off the field.

PAGE BY: Khyree Brooks and Samantha Colbert

PHOTOS BY: Ms. Sherri Ralph



"Attending drum major camp boosted my self-esteem, allowing me to become a competent and confident leader who is in charge of leading the band."



-Ghenella Salanio (12)

"I thought in the beginning it was going to be a very long season with a lot of work to get us where we



wanted to be. In the end, I felt so happy and proud of everyone because the people who were struggling did amazing! We accomplished so much this season on and off the field."

-Samantha Bugno (11)

"Overall, our marching season had its ups and downs, but in the end, we came together and made something



we were all proud of. Through hundred degree heat and pouring rain, we marched past it and put on a great show."

-Julia Makowski (10)

"My first season brought me closer to people in the band. I was able to build my trust with them even though I had never known anyone before the season."



-Clarissa Koutz (9)

Lunch at Highland High School is more than a typical school lunch. While some people sit in the commons and others do not eat cafeteria food, everyone agreed on the fact that lunch time is an escape from the hard working environment. The food on the menu adds to the excitement in the cafeteria. After a survey, students revealed the most popular lunch was chicken bowl. Aside from meeting strangers and bonding over your love for chicken, the break away from class is a well deserved treat.

what they had to say!



she said NATALIE TWEEDY

"I like to escape to the beach because it is peaceful and allows me to clear my head."



he said CODEY DEWEY

"Escaping to the welding room allows me to clear my head and get dirty and relax."



she said BROOK HALL

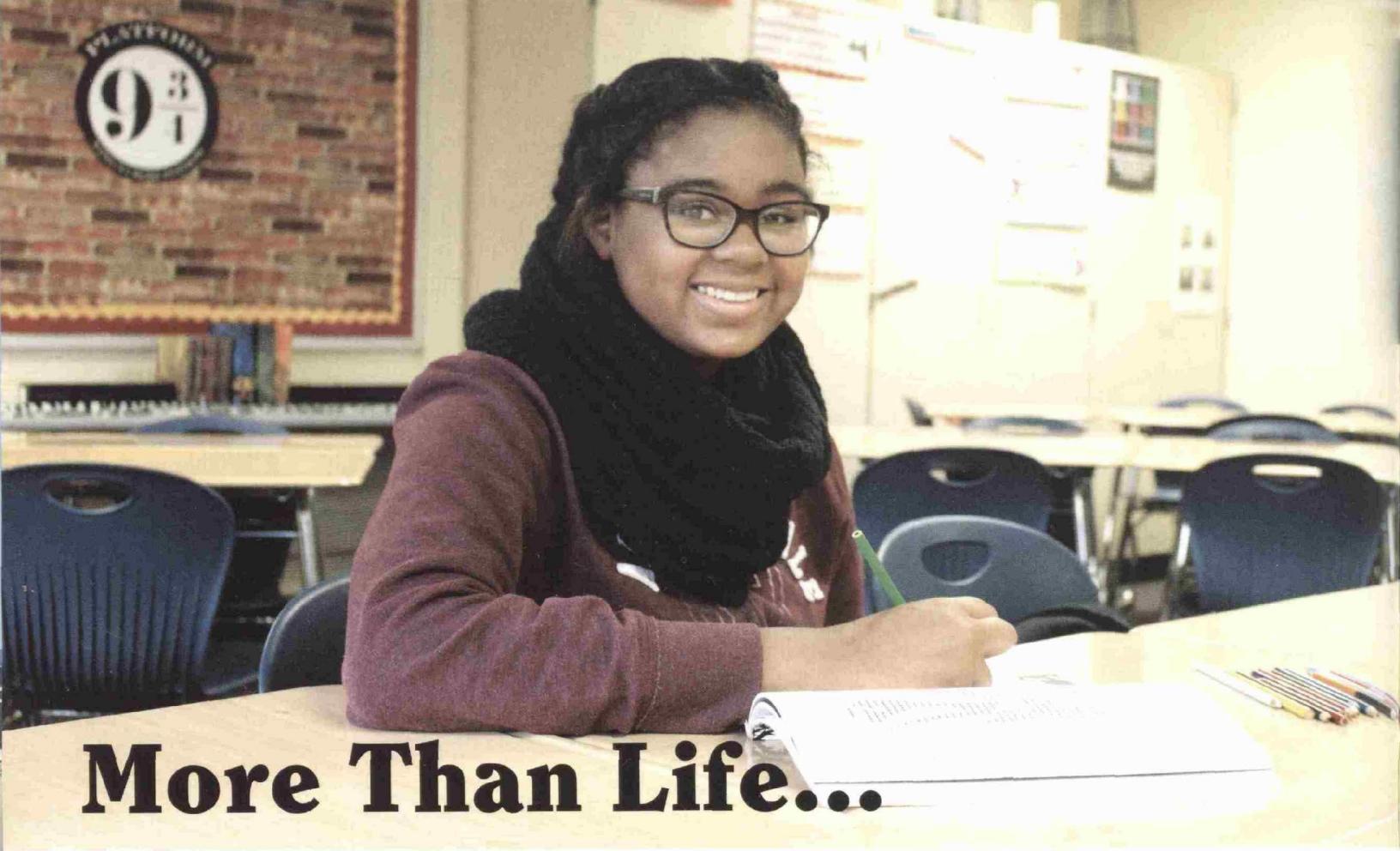
"I enjoy listening to my favorite music, playing soccer and spending time with my friends. I do it to relax and relieve stress."



Escape the Day



Nolan Brough (11) escapes to skateboarding so that he can be away from reality for a bit. Brough said, "skateboarding has no limit because there is always something new to challenge yourself. It takes courage to skateboard because you have to try your best at new things. You have to keep going no matter how many tries or how many attempts it takes to nail that new trick. I try to follow the same protocol in my school work and studies." Brough visits the Hessville Skate Park daily and enjoys the daily escape. *Page 10c: Sarah Baum Photos
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More Than Life...

Stress, Depression, and Letting Things Get You Down

The teen years are the most influential times in anyone's life; It's the time you make more long term relationships, fit in with your peers, and learn to express your individuality. For many people, this change is difficult. Aariana Lawrence (9), like many other high schoolers here at Highland, had had a troubling experience going through this change.

It all started from her peers bullying her over the way she looked when she was younger. "I had self image issues because I compared myself to others," said Lawrence. This behavior might have started in sixth grade but it progressively got worse as middle school went on. In seventh grade Lawrence was hospitalized for the first time due to expressing suicidal thoughts, and in eighth grade Lawrence was hospitalized an additional time due to the continuous trouble she faced. "I stopped taking my

medicine by choice, and that caused my depression to get worse. I was more open with peers but I was losing friends and I lost my mom's trust."

While in hospitalization, Lawrence had the opportunity to meet others that were in a similar situation. Although being able to relate with other people, it did not always result in a positive outcome. However, she was able to learn from her support system that self-harm was not the positive route to follow.

The start of this new chapter in her life brought along a very beneficial and unexpected change. "At first I was angry and lashed out physically and verbally." When she first arrived in placement she was very frightened because she had never been away from home. "I did not like being in the hospital, but I liked being able to be around kids that understood what I was going through which was different than being at school." The treatment helped Lawrence develop goals for controlling

her urges, and these goals were communicated with her biggest supporters, her mom, sister, and grandmother.

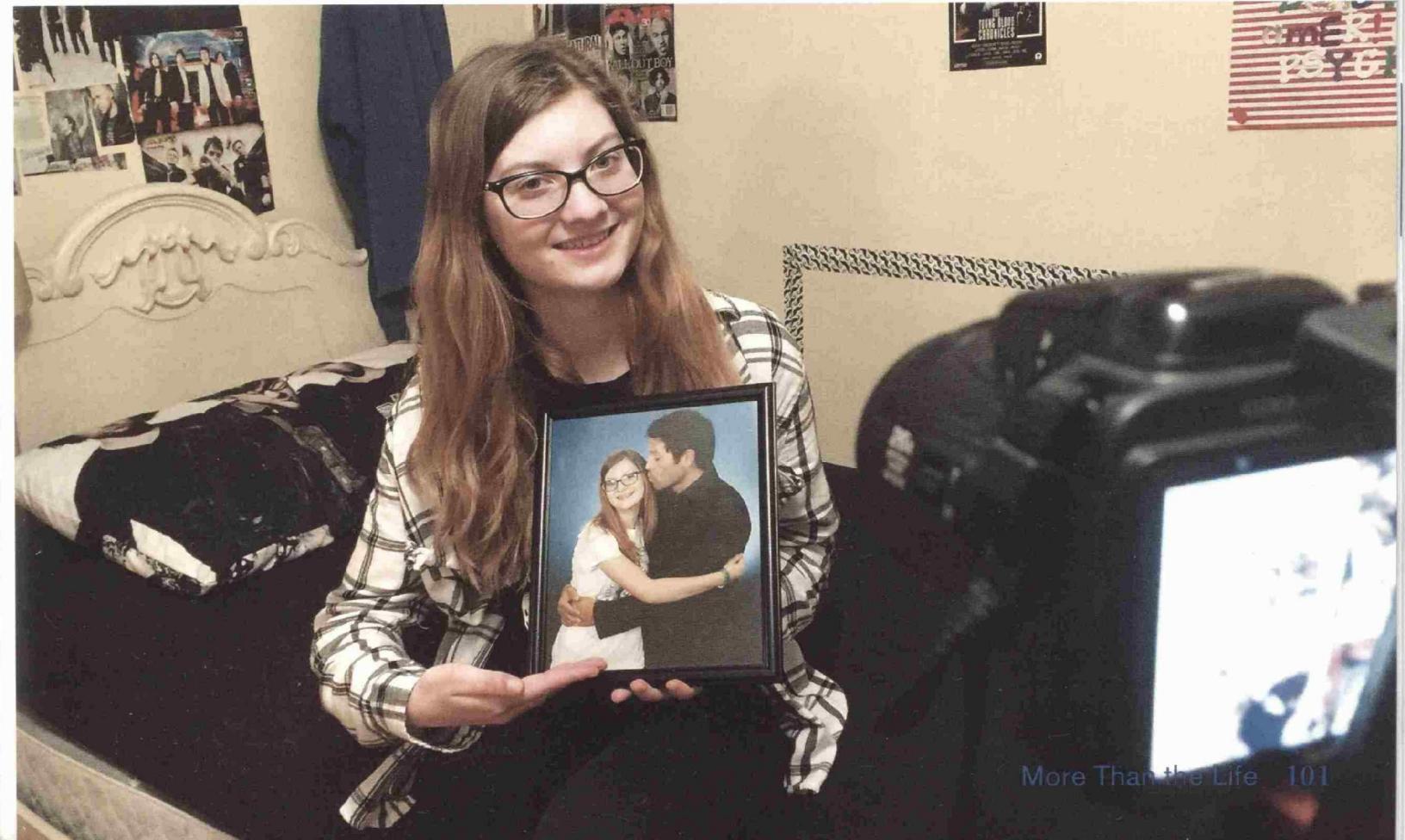
Lawrence's final transition, which was returning home and returning to her home school, was difficult as well. "I still have issues with depression, but I know I can't let it get me down. I have to turn my mind and focus on something positive and not negative." The placement taught Lawrence many things, one of which being how to control her anger and anxiety. If issues arise, Lawrence carries an art book and releases her stress by coloring or doodling on her paper. From the time Lawrence spent in placement, she has one tip of advice to those having a difficult time: "Take baby steps because not everything is always the same, but things will get better. You have to find a way to not let the depression control your happiness." **Page by:** Sarah Ragin **Photo by:** Ms. Sherri Ralph

Capturing the Memories of This Thing Called Life

YouTube is the fastest growing social media application there is, and there is no doubt that when a video is uploaded, millions of people have the opportunity of viewing it. Many people have been made into celebrities simply by creating entertaining content and relating to their viewers. Our very own Highland High School student Anna Brown (10) strives like many other famous faces on the web and has devoted her time into the well known website of YouTube.com. Inspiration from an admired YouTuber is the first reason why Brown decided to create videos.

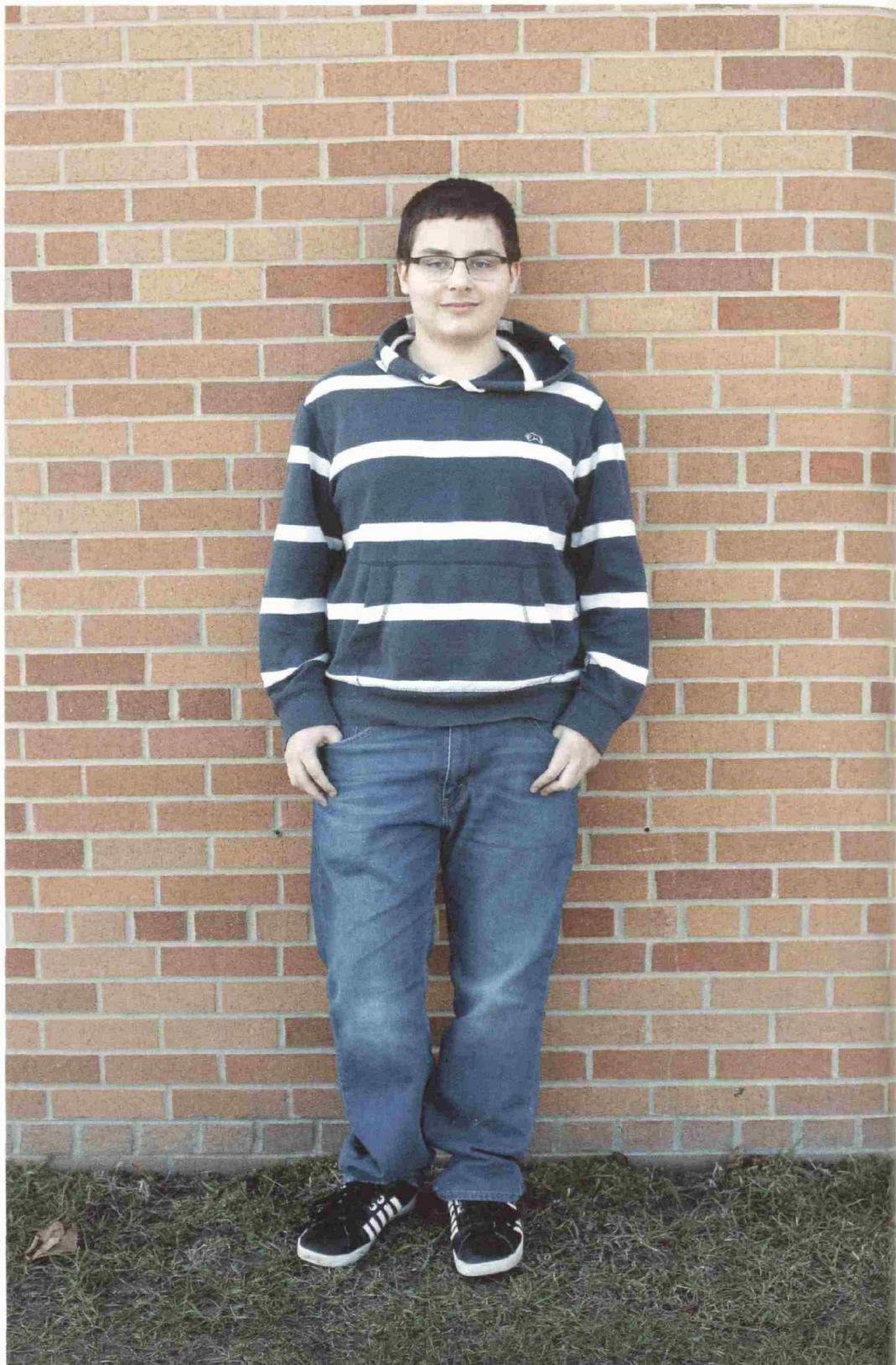
"Dan Howell and Phil Lester really inspire me." These simple 5 minute videos had a major impact on Brown which later helped her to discover her passion. Aside from Howell and Lester, she also has other reasons for starting her own YouTube channel. "I started YouTube because I wanted to relate to people. I wanted people to watch my videos and feel better about themselves," Brown said. "One of my videos showed how to add a contact on an apple device, and I got many comments saying I had helped out." Brown's fan base consists of more than 120

subscribers who constantly offer support and love by leaving comments. "The enjoyment comes from making the videos and receiving positive comments." Brown puts in a phenomenal amount of effort into creating her videos. "I record whenever I have nothing to do and I get inspiration from other Youtubers along with the experiences I have when new things come out or places I visit." Brown's job as an entertainer is very laborious but results in a high reward of happiness, wisdom, and accomplishment. **Page by:** Dalilah Vaquera **Photo Provided by:** Anna Brown



A Helping Hand

Griffin Arnold (11) was born and raised in Highland, Indiana. He attended Southridge Elementary from kindergarten to sixth grade and was a part of the last class to attend sixth grade in the elementary setting. As Arnold grew, he started a trend in his behavior. "Helping neighbors with their yard work or shoveling their snow is something that I continue to do to contribute to our community. I would not say that a lot of my peers have this desire, but I think it would better for our world if more people felt the need to help others. These acts would do something more for the greater good than worrying about personal desires," he said. Moving forward to complete high school, Arnold has utilized his Area Career Center course work in the specialty area of electric and mechanical engineering to shift his post secondary career choice to engineering. In terms of working on the electrical side of engineering, Arnold said, "I hope that my career choice will allow me to continue to help my community. In that, I can be a dependable person to assist those in need." This trend to help others started during his freshman year of high school. It is one that he planned to continue through his lifetime.



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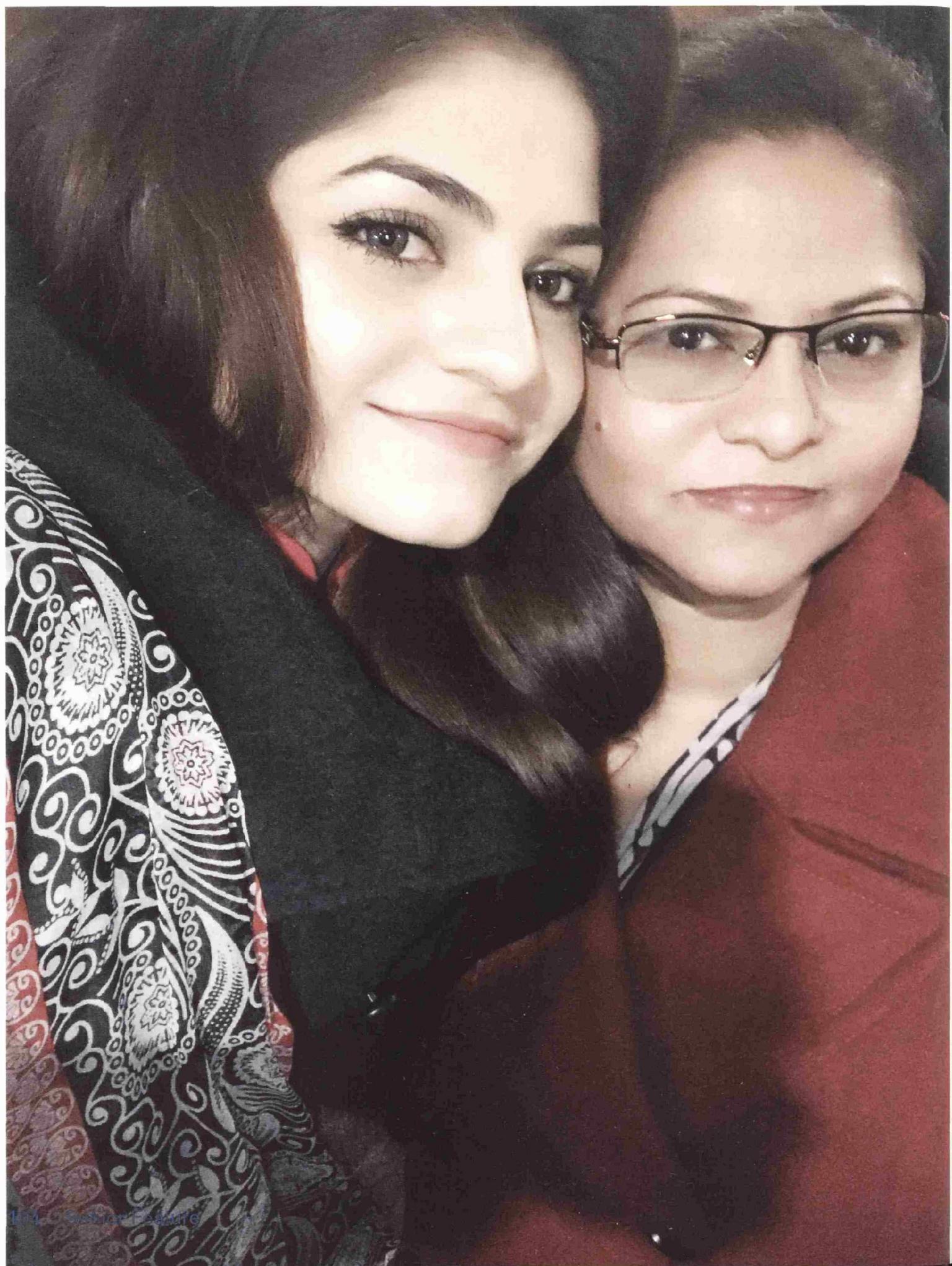
A Father's Love

Samantha Bugno (11) was born the baby of the family. The bond she shared with her parents was inseparable. She was always known as "Daddy's Little Girl". Growing up, Bugno grew up learning the game of bowling and learning to love it herself. Fast forward to her teenage years, Bugno joined the Highland bowling team. Her first two seasons were filled with growing spurts and improving her game. Enter junior pre-season, and Bugno had the attention of local coaches as competition as well as college scouts from all over the country. The expectations of how the season would play out for her were very high by all those who were watching. Thinking that all would go smoothly, Bugno was hit by a sudden, unwelcome surprise. Within a day, her view completely changed. Unexpected news of losing the person who influenced her love of bowling could have been detrimental to her season. She lost more than her bowling influence, Bugno lost her father. Her friends and family rallied to support and remind her that her daddy would always be watching over her and always be in her heart. She faced her junior season with the intention of making her daddy proud. "I placed a piece of thumb tape to the top of my shoe and wrote the words, 'Everything I do is for you, Dad', " Bugno said. This became a life style of hers. Her junior season ended by leaving many accomplishments for the books. Bugno bowled her first 300 game, had a series high of 739, and helped her team advance to the state competition where they placed ninth out of one-hundred-twenty-one girls teams. Also, Bugno was a member of two different All Tournament Teams throughout the season. "During the beginning of the season my daddy told me, 'you guys are going to make it to state.' When we made it, it kind of showed me that my daddy was still looking over me and was proud.", she said. While losing a loved one is nothing that anyone looks forward to, especially a parent, Bugno knew that she could use her talents to continue to share the bond that her daddy and she started long ago.

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With a look of determination, the girls bowling team rallied together to make the season successful and built a bond that strengthened each individual teammate.



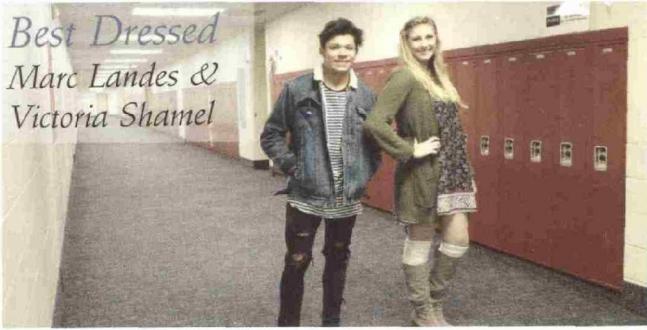
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A Journey to Find Success

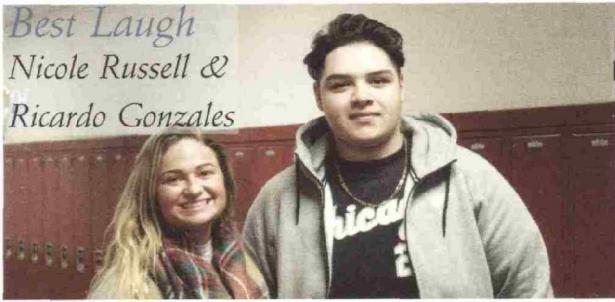
Uroosa Khan (12) was raised in Pakistan. At age nine, Khan moved to Northwest Indiana. Khan said, "The transition to America was difficult because I did not understand the language. I only knew yes and no. My mom and brother were in the same situation as they did not understand or know how to speak English either. At first I did not do well in school because I was failing. I felt dumb because relatives put me down, and would tell my mom that I was stupid and that I was not trying in school." The pressure that Khan felt was so intense that she never thought she would be successful. After many stops around the region, Khan landed in Highland. She built friendships and found an understanding of the culture. With minimal efforts, Khan entered high school, but because she had another transition to and from Pakistan, she had an insufficient amount of credits that led to credit deficiencies. While she worked to earn A's instead of C's or lower grades, the movement between countries affected her learning. She had finally grown accustomed to the educational methods in America. In the second quarter of her junior year, Khan made her way back to Highland High School and found herself still somewhat credit deficient. Khan was determined to catch herself back up and raise her grade point average. While frequent moves affected Khan's progress, she was able to walk with her graduating class and was the first member of her family to graduate high school. Her work ethic came from within and she exceeded what her relatives presumed of her as a young student. Khan's aspirations have allowed her to dream and go big. She was accepted to further her education at the post secondary level in software engineering. It took more than sitting back and being along for the ride. Khan's determination was more than enough to make her successful. **Page by:** Ms. Sherri Ralph **Photo provided by:** Uroosa Khan

Senior Bests

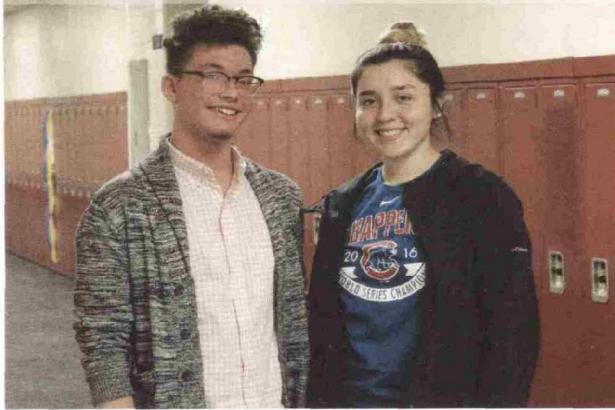
Best Dressed
Marc Landes &
Victoria Shamel



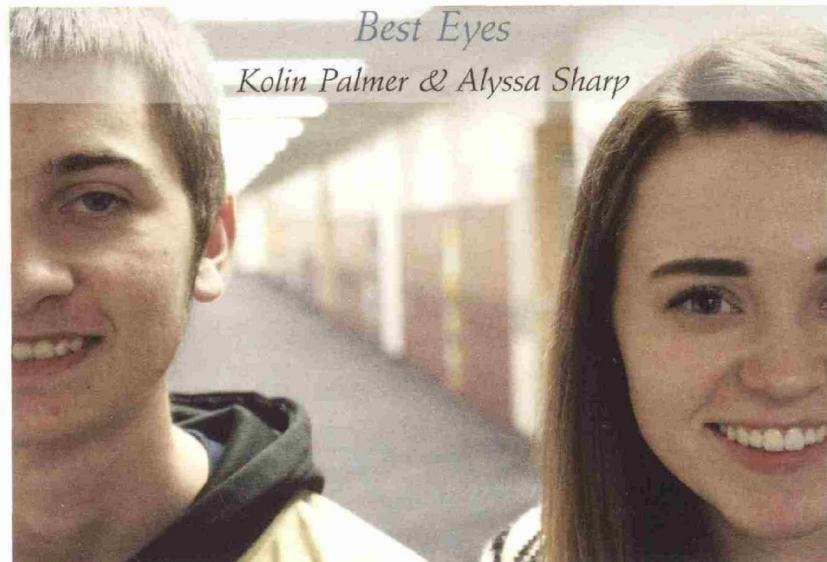
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Nicole Russell &
Ricardo Gonzales



Best Personality
Scott Panchisin & Jordan Quinones



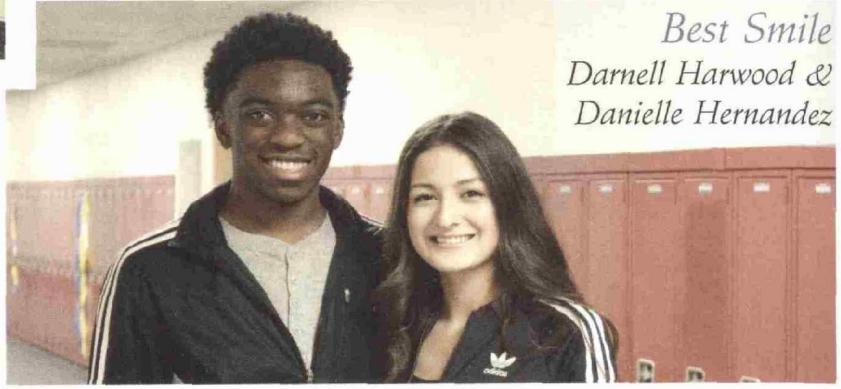
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Kolin Palmer & Alyssa Sharp



Best Looking
Joshua Gunderson &
Taylor Breidenbaugh



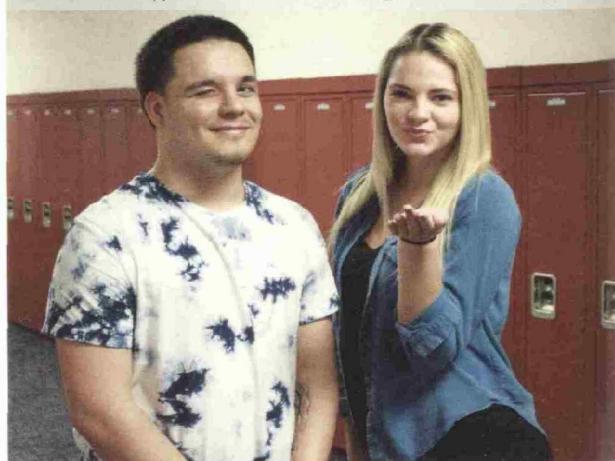
Best Smile
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Danielle Hernandez



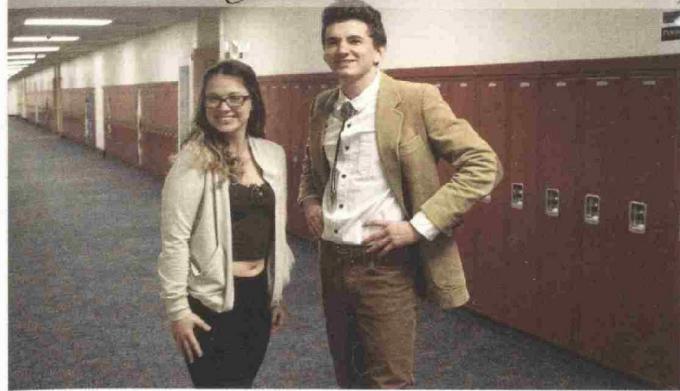
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Sarah Williams &
Douglas Brandon



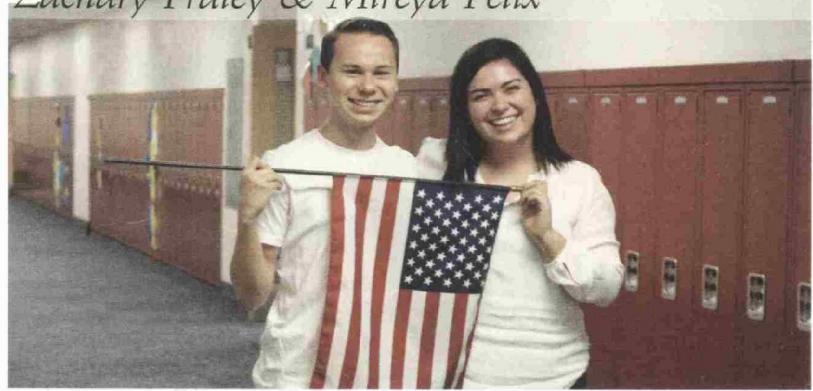
Biggest Flirt
Nathan Riffle & Keelie Gragido



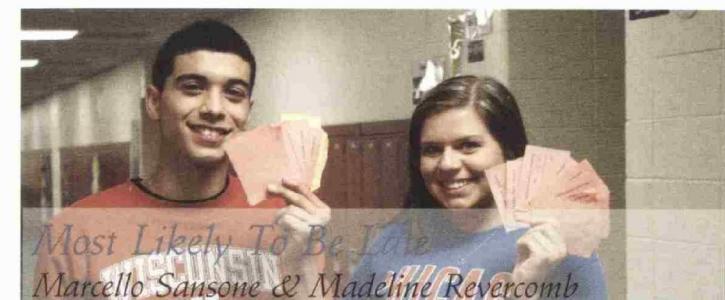
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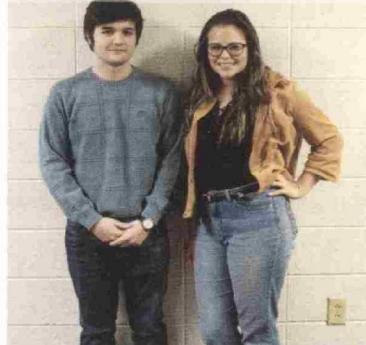
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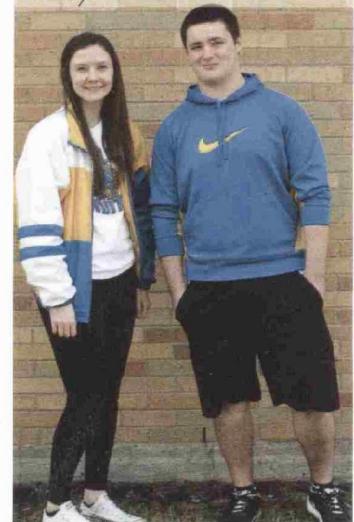
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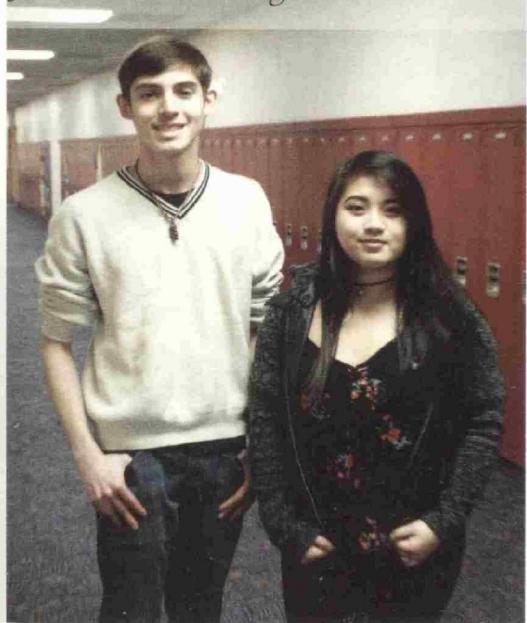
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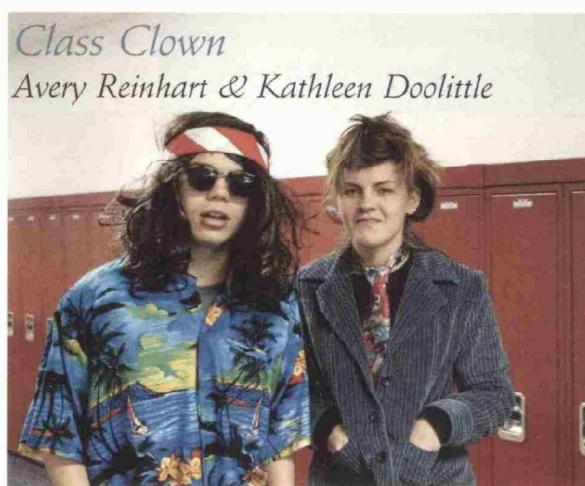
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Sierra Hinkel & Collin Reilly



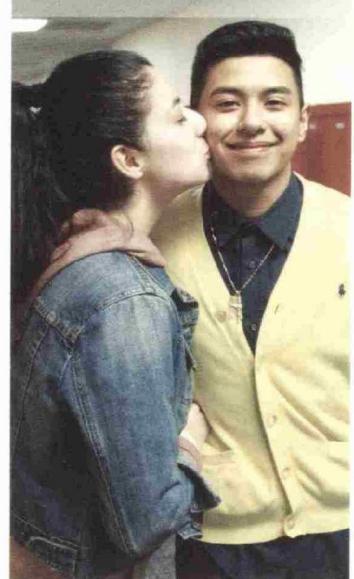
Most Creative
Joshua Fink & Margaret Dizon



Most Talented
Mitchell Moynihan & Amanda Stastny



Cutest Couple
Adriana Castillo & Robert Cerdá

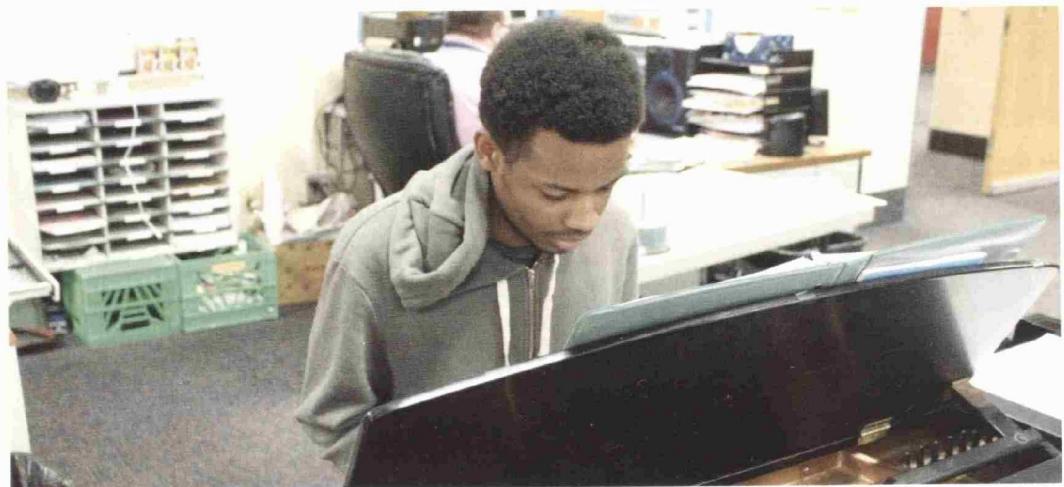
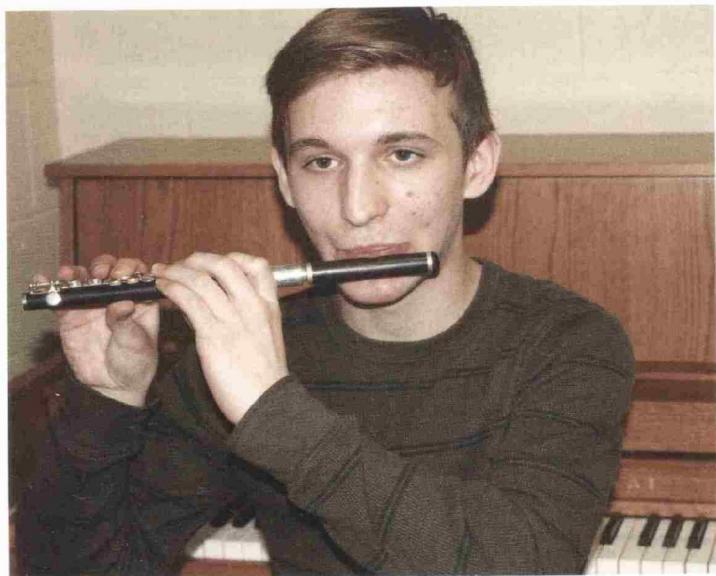


Class Clown
Avery Reinhart & Kathleen Doolittle

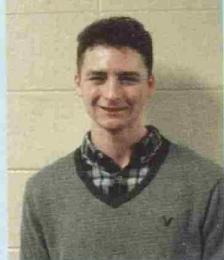


Taking a deep breath
before playing, Phillip Bock

(9) joined approximately thirty five others from the region to perform live concerts throughout Northwest Indiana for the Northwest Indiana Youth Smphony. **Focusing on the keys** Arif Pitts (10) spent years playing the piano. Although he does not play consistently, music was a way for him to escape the everyday stresses.



More Than Music

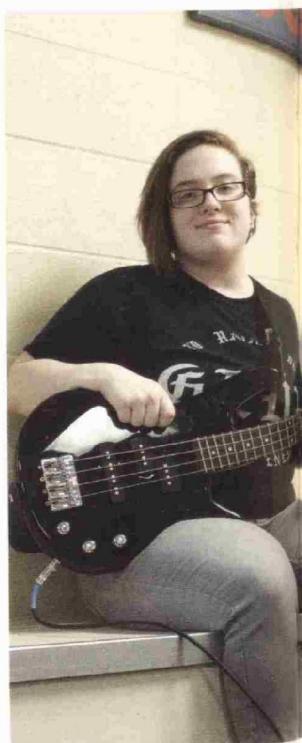


"Around eight years ago on Christmas Day, Santa brought me my very own guitar. That gift inspired me to start playing and ever since then I have been playing the blues. I have a music teacher that I work with during private lessons to improve my playing."

- David Long (12)



At the end of the day, Beyonce' Johnson (10) only let her singing voice be heard by family and close friends. While singing in public places was not something Johnson chose to do, she did choose to sing the songs of her favorite r&b artist, Ashanti. **To add a little** fun to her life, CharliAnne Diggs (12) learned to play the bass guitar over the last few years. After she learned to play the guitar at age nine, she said the bass was easier to learn. Diggs joined friends to be a part of the band named, "Snare."





Muscial Ability Within

Eating dinner together at the dining room table, spending holidays with extended family members or annual vacations are all traditions that some families have created that bond them together. Other traditions include sharing common interests. Learning and playing the guitar was one family tradition that Dawson Simmons (9) had. Simmons said, "My uncle, cousin, and dad all play the guitar. My grandfather even played with Johnny Cash at one point, and he has shared a recording of that with me." This memory that his grandfather shared inspired the entire family to pick up the skill of playing guitar. One relative of Simmons that continued to inspire and motivate him to keep playing was his cousin. "I admire my cousin a lot, and it gave us something to do together." While

separation has limited their playing time together, Simmons continues to be motivated to keep learning and to create a style of his own. "My repertoire includes grunge and alternative, but I also do know two country songs." Simmons played at a quantity of locations, one location being the zoo while on a class field trip. He also played for his friends and for his family, but most importantly he played for himself. "Playing allows me to relax, and I do even try to sing sometimes." The skills of playing guitar held great meaning for Simmons and while performing. It helped build a connection with his uncle, cousin, dad, and grandfather.

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Pictures by: Samantha Colbert, Faith DuVall, Zoe Kim & Sarah Regin



A Style of Our Own

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A Hair Do



Hair Twists

What do Drake, Solange Knowles, Usher, and Jayden Smith all have in common with Aaron Harper (12)? Their hair twists of course! This trending hair style began in 2015 and it had become more popular because of the easy, effortless procedure and its captivating result.



Dyed Hair

This year, everyone expressed themselves and their style in different ways, whether that was by their clothing, makeup, or even hair style. Just seeing someone can give insight about what a person is really like. "A lot of my personality goes into my style so it shows people who I am," said Delaney Sizemore (11). However, style isn't always portrayed through clothing. "I have been dying my hair since I was 11, it's something different that I have been doing. Since my mom was strict with my clothes, I would dye my hair instead."

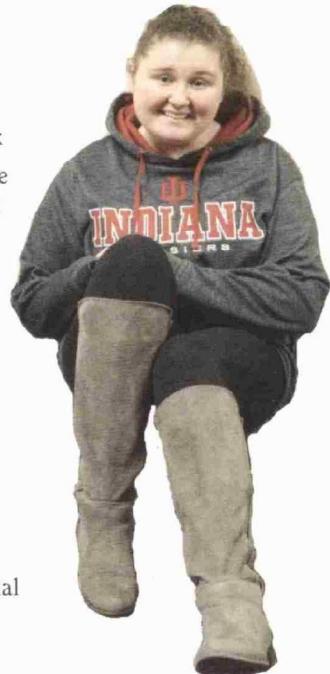
Khaki Joggers

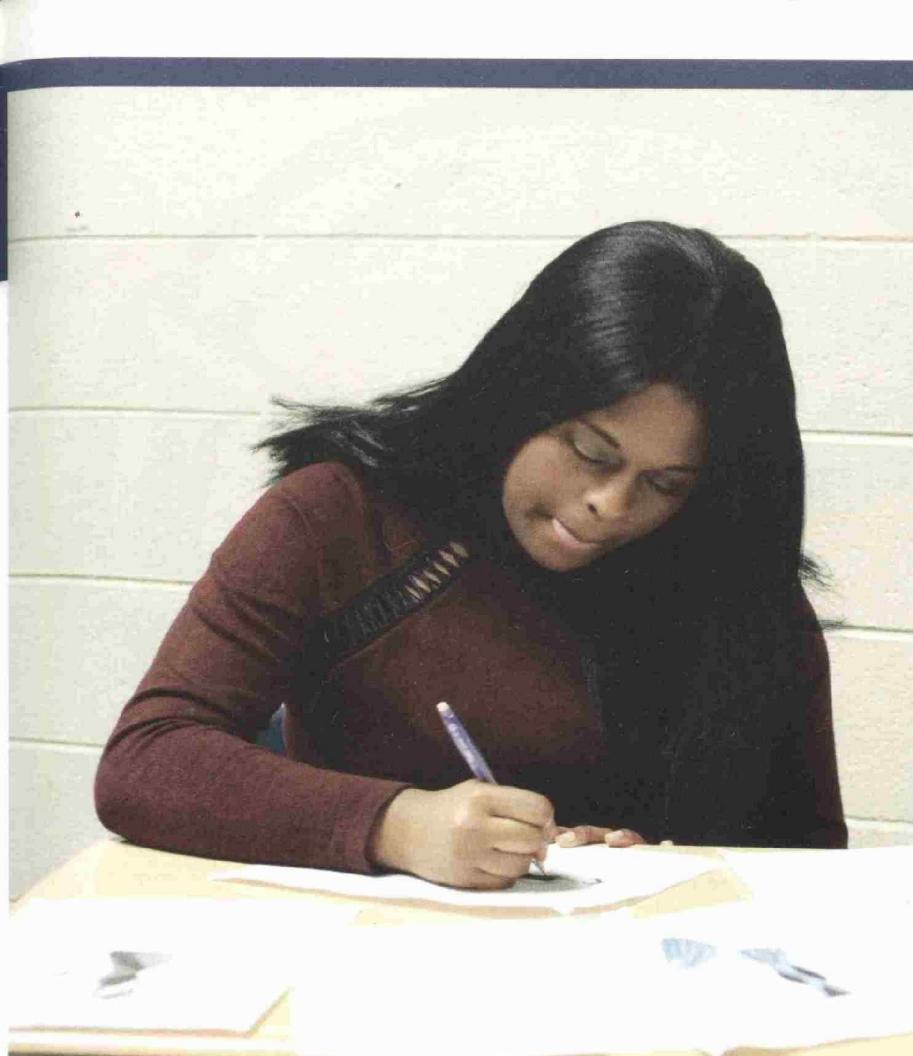
All starting with inspirational celebrities such as Justin Bieber and Nick Jonas, the khaki joggers trend hit Highland High School in 2016. These fashionable pants could be seen worn on many of the boys in all grades and ages. "I got a pair as a gift," stated Matthew Mendoza (9). Mendoza more often than not wore these pants to help spruce up his casual outfits.



Knee High Boots

The click clack steady thud of heeled knee high boots could be heard throughout the halls of Highland High School, nearly every girl wore them. Seen as a wardrobe must have, knee high boots could spice up any casual outfit and change it into a stunning and breathtaking look. Bethany Pindrock (11) loved wearing her boots, and made them an essential piece of her wardrobe.





Engulfed in her work, Estacia Alejandro (11) has spent a vast amount of time researching the art of fashion, makeup and hair over her life. Her love of a person's beauty started when she was only a child. More recent years had allowed her to expand and develop her skills as she was fortunate enough to work with Highland Theatre Company to help with costume design and show makeup. In addition to Highland Theatre Company, she has been able to work with Family Christian Center with Refuge Production plays behind the scenes with theater and special effects makeup. Alejandro dreams of becoming a professional makeup artist and was thankful for her opportunities to build her techniques before her enrollment in post-secondary training. Her future plans include attending Mario Tricoci University to study aesthetics and cosmetology before developing her own cosmetic line which she plans to call "Laj'e Cosmetics." Her dreams also include working behind the scenes on a movie set while maintaining clients on the side. **Page and Photos by** Daillah Vaquera

what they *had to say!*



she said

Destiny Ruiz (10)



he said

Devin Denisiuk (12)



she said

Kathleen Steele (12)

"A sense of fashion is the kind of clothes you choose to wear."

"To me style means being yourself even if it means not going with the crowd."

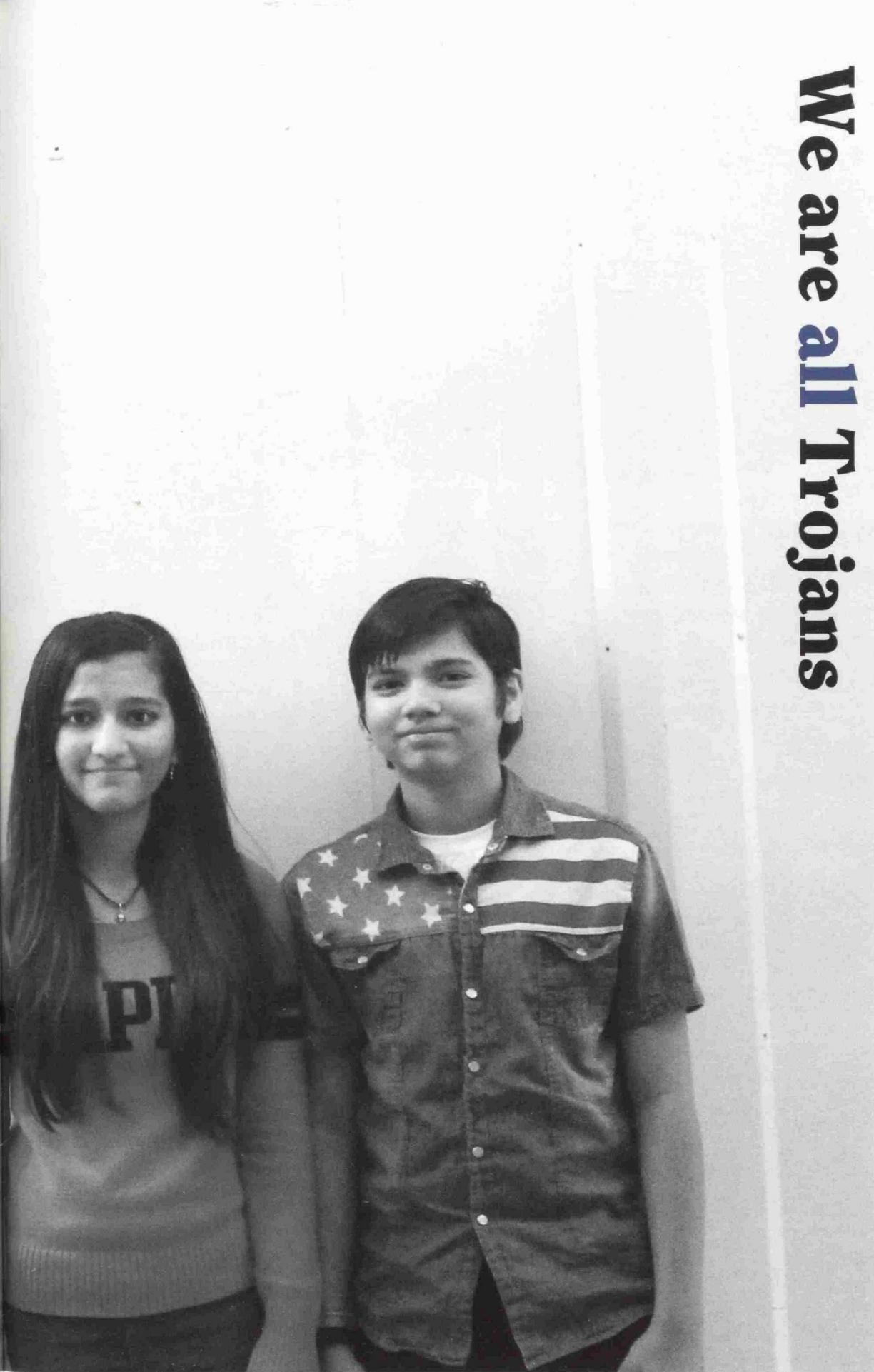
"You get to be your own person. My style allows me to be my own person."



Shikha Modi came from Gujarat, a state in western India. The schools in Gujarat differ greatly from those in the United States.

"Different language, type of dress, culture is completely different," she said. Even with the differences, she was happy with the transfer to Highland. "As my grandpa says, 'this is a good school and a good country.' I'm thankful for being here; it was my birthday gift." Starting from scratch, she made friends through school, and activities such as Key Club." I wish that peers would not be scared to initiate conversation with me. All it would take is, 'hello, my name is,' and 'what are some things that you like?'"

Het Modi, as well as sister, came from Gujarat. Although unenthusiastic about the move, he enjoyed meeting new students, but not as much as his sister. "I didn't want to come to America when I first heard about the move; but, in our culture, what our parents say, we accept," he said. The change was especially difficult, because they had to learn English. "If I have a question, I have to call the teacher over to point out what I do not understand in my books or notes." With the help of Mrs. Lubarski, they were able to overcome this challenge of communicating primarily in the English language. "People are helpful here," he said.



We are all Trojans

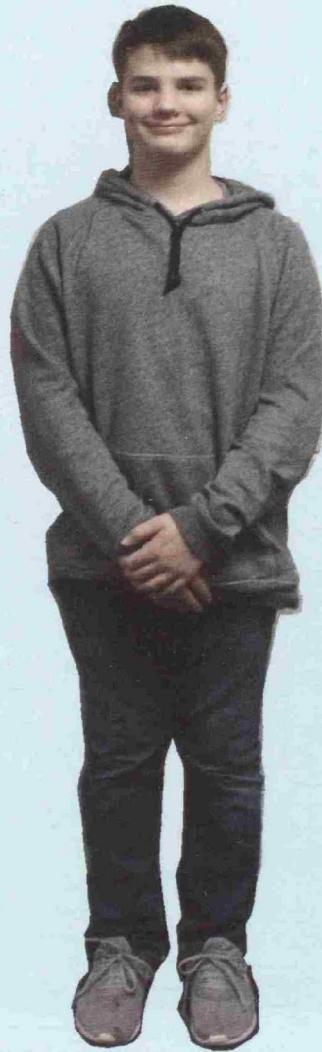
At Highland High School, the classrooms were filled with more than just average students; these students showed characteristics of perseverance, individuality, and unique attributes. The mix of all character traits and the diversity of Highland High School could be seen in the student body in each direction. Each student was beset with an experience different from what others had gone through. We, as students, have been able to interact and learn that not all our differences were negative. After building a relationship with our peers, we saw how others overcame their challenges; either becoming adjusted to the classes or used to the new experiences. With different backgrounds and personalities, we were more than just students. Our distinct cultures were what created lifelong bonds. **Page**

by: Khyree Brooks

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**DID YOU
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teenagers
only get
seven hours
of sleep
although
they need
nine hours?**

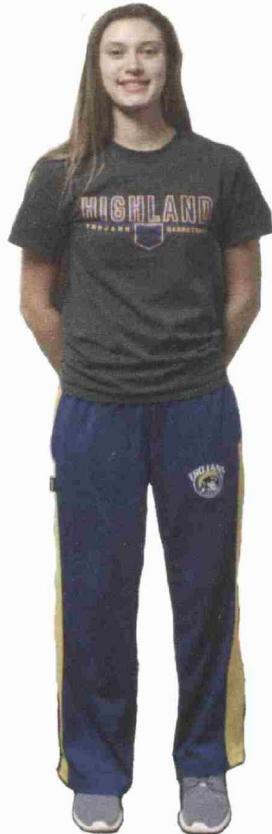


Matthew Rebey (9)

**7:00 am - I wakeup.
7:10 am - I eat my breakfast.
7:25 am - My dad drives me to
school.
7:35 am - I arrive at school after
a short ride with my dad.
12:25pm - I eat lunch and sit with
my friends.
2:54 pm - I am on the bus to go
home.
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm - I talk with
friends on Xbox, eat a snack, and
then do homework for about an
hour.
7:30 - 8:30 pm - I eat dinner and
talk with my parents.
10:30 - 11:00 pm - It is time to
go to bed.**

Morgan Rinkema (10)

6:20 am - I wakeup, shower, eat, brush my teeth, and pick out my clothes.
7:30 am - My dad drives me to school.
12:25 pm - C-lunch: I sit with friends.
3:00pm - On Sunday's, I go to travel softball. On weekdays, I go home, wash my face, and work out.
6:30 pm - Dinner: either get fast food or my grandma cooks.
11:00 pm - Time to brush my teeth, go on my phone, and go to bed.

**Adam Castillo (11)**

6:00 am - I wakeup, shower, and eat my breakfast.
6:30 am - Get my one year old nephew up and out of bed and care for him.
7:00 am - I am out the door to head to the bus to get to school.
12:30pm - In the cafeteria with friends until it is time to head back to classes.
3:00 pm - I head home on the bus.
4:30 pm - Watch my nephew for an hour.
7:00pm - Watch "Fuller House" on Netflix.



I WOKE UP LIKE THIS

And the Schedule That Follows

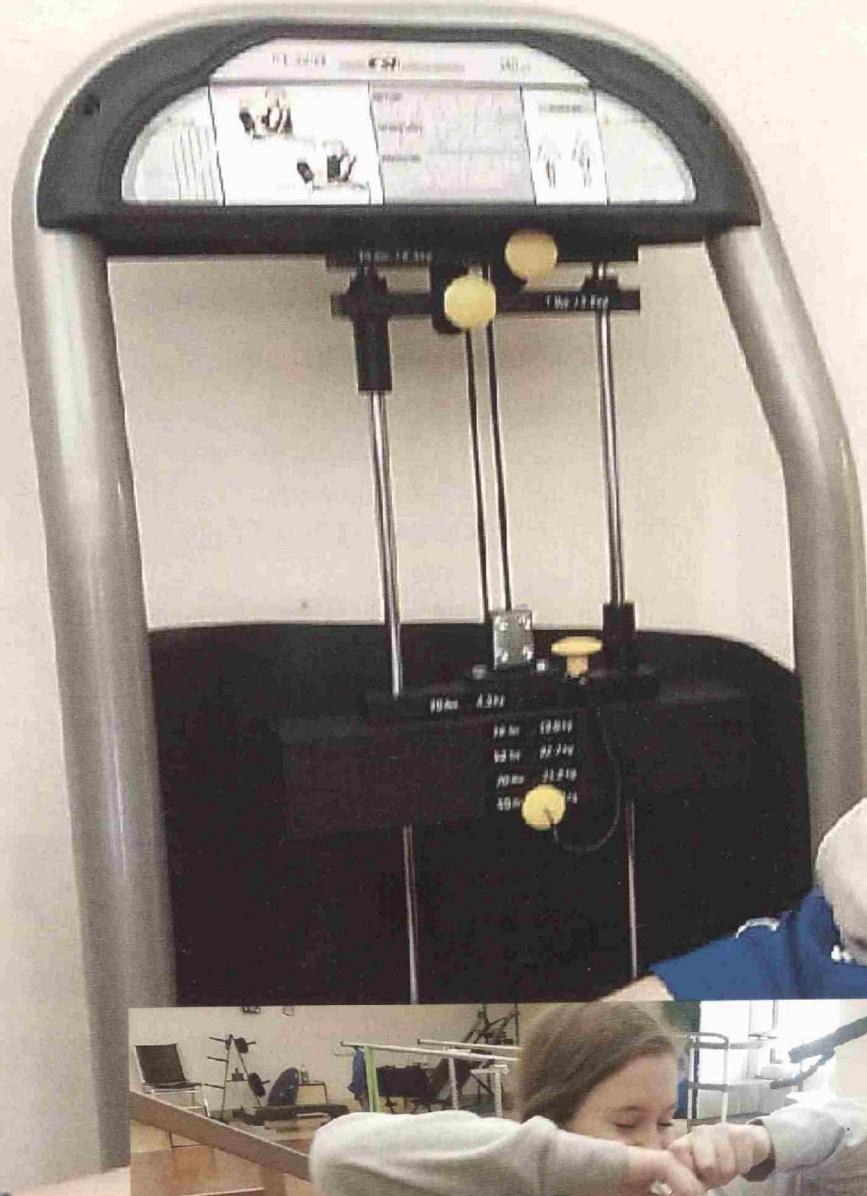
Many students have an overwhelming day due to the many high school requirements.

Highland High School student Kendra Antoskiewicz's (10) busy schedule left her to use many devices and techniques to keep her on track. "I use a calendar, stay focused, and have a positive attitude." Aside from all her tricks, Antoskiewicz claimed she was unable

to feel complete without doing one very important task in the morning. "I can't leave



my house without doing my hair." Waking up in the morning was another routine struggle that Antoskiewicz had to face. "I have one alarm set that plays music by Shakira," she said. Although this music is cheerful and energetic, it still left her wishing she had more time in her schedule for sleep. Antoskiewicz ended with, "High school deprives teenagers of enough sleep." Through many deprived nights she was able to maintain and set goals that she was determined to complete. **Page by:** Sarah Ragin and Alexis Whitehead **Photos by:** Brendan Curran





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Playing the Game

This past year, Garran Grider (9), received back surgery for an injury, and was not able to participate in her freshman season of volleyball. Following this procedure, Grider stated, "The first weeks after surgery were hard." These weeks were filled with constant discomfort and steady progress in physical therapy. Although this caused struggle for Grider, she soon found motivation to continue on. "Not being able to play volleyball was upsetting because I had to sit out. Being able to watch the teams play from the sidelines helped me get through the season because I was still able to be around the game. I am looking forward to being able to play next year." This obstacle in her life taught her a few valuable lessons. "My advice to others facing an injury is to not give up because something good always comes out of something bad." **Page by:** Khyree Brooks **Photos Provided by:** Garran Grider

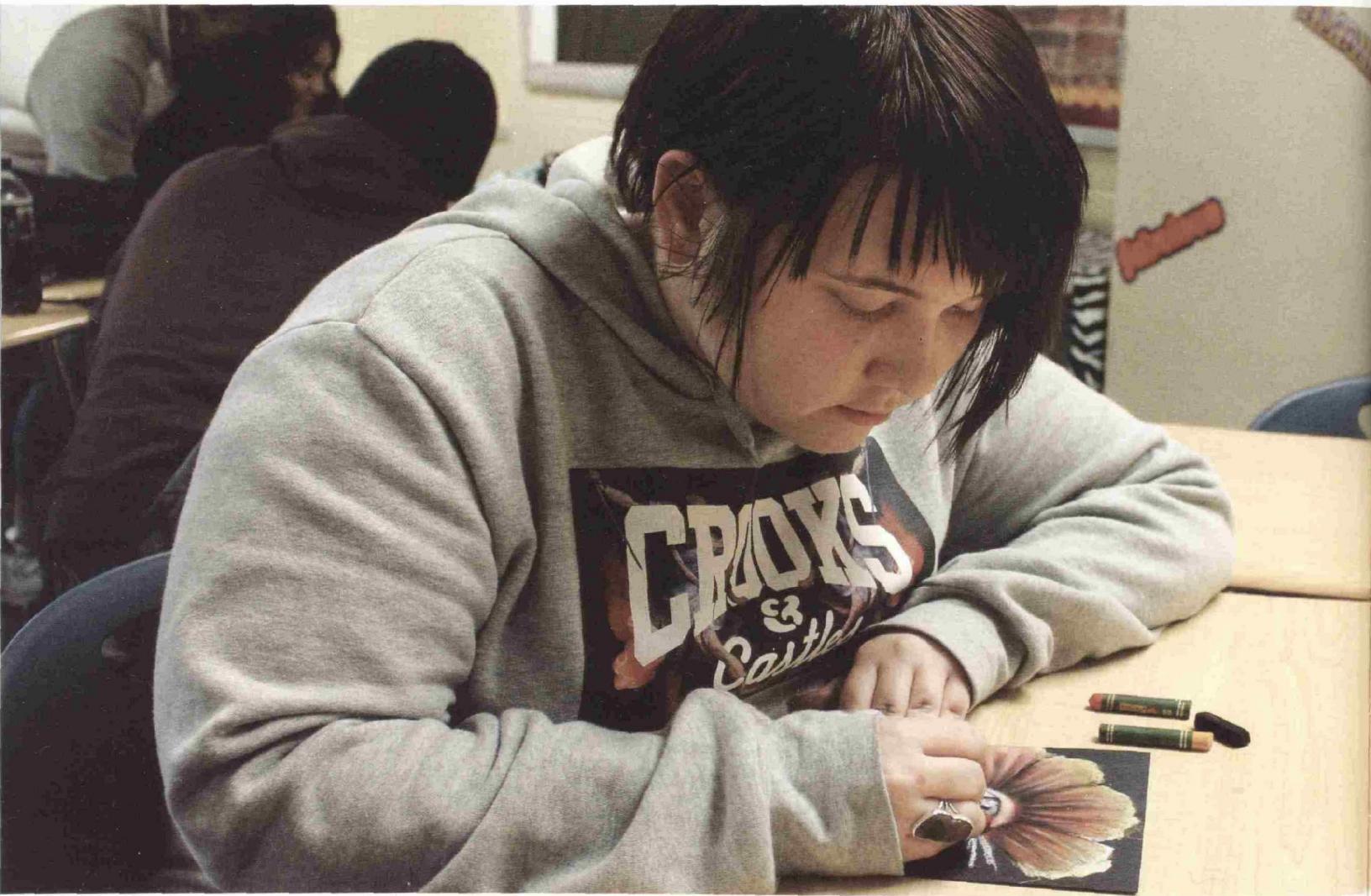
More Than a Hobby

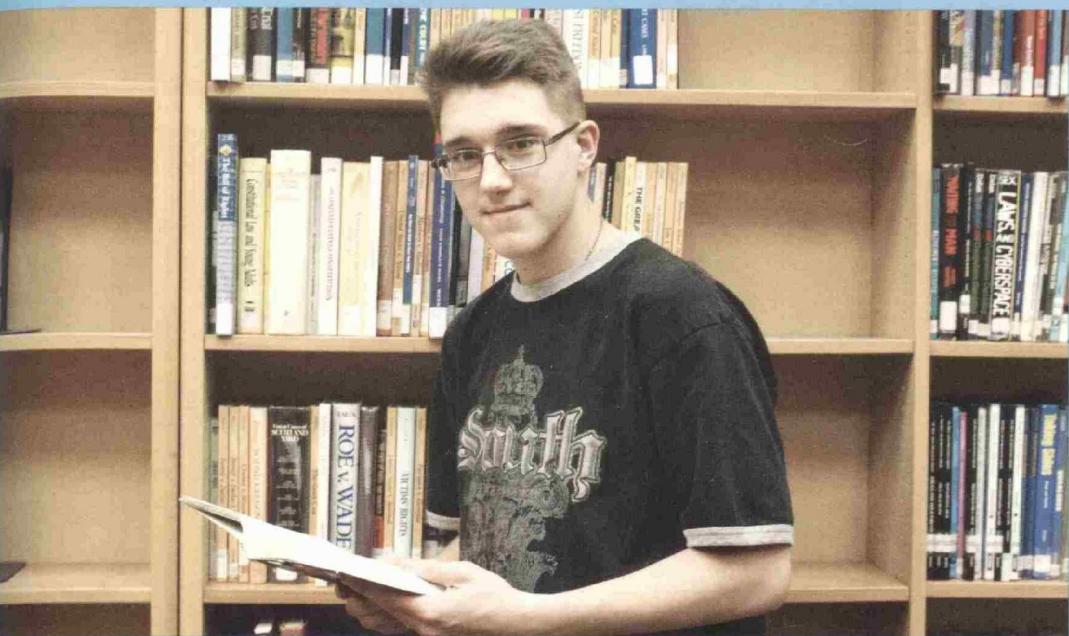
Students keeping themselves busy

Every professional was once a beginner, but for certain people the beginning is nonexistent in their memory. For as long as she could remember, Emily Wagner (10) has been drawing on every surface she could reach. "Yeah, I'm actually currently painting on my walls. I used to (draw on the desk) until I got yelled at," she stated. This doodling is more than just a hobby, it's something that bonded her with her family. "My mom draws so she used to have me draw all the time." Wagner's mother had a great influence on her and she wouldn't be the artist she is today without her. Like her mother, Wagner enjoyed drawing people, bugs, and animal skulls most. Although she has a passion for drawing,

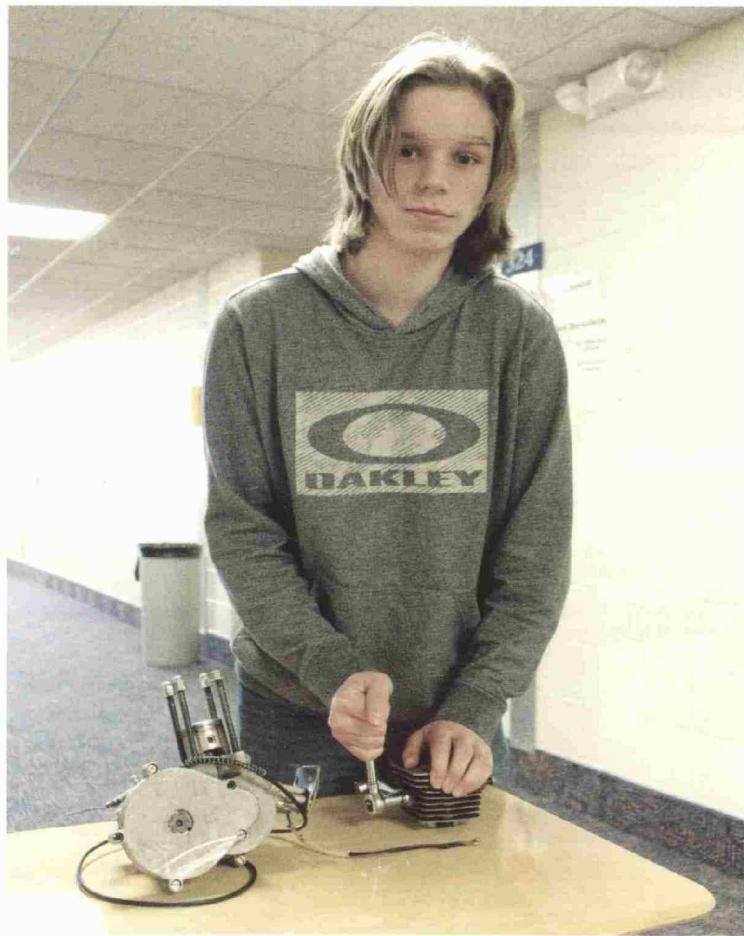
Wagner typically didn't draw when she was told to. Her artistic ability usually came out when she was happy, sad, mad, stressed, or bored. Wagner's drawing environment was unrestrained, "I draw almost anywhere I go." Her artistic abilities weren't limited to just drawing and painting; Wagner also enjoyed doing makeup. "I'm not sure when it all started, I just started to do makeup when I was in 7th grade," Wagner said.

Hobbies and aptitudes weren't forced, they came naturally. For Wagner, her love for art and beauty will carry on for more than just her teenage life. **Page by Dalilah Vaquera (10)** **Photos by Mrs. Sherri Ralph & Zoe Kim**





While skimming through the stacks, Joshua Stromberg (10) picked another novel to read for the week. Stromberg read eight to nine novels per week as his hobby.

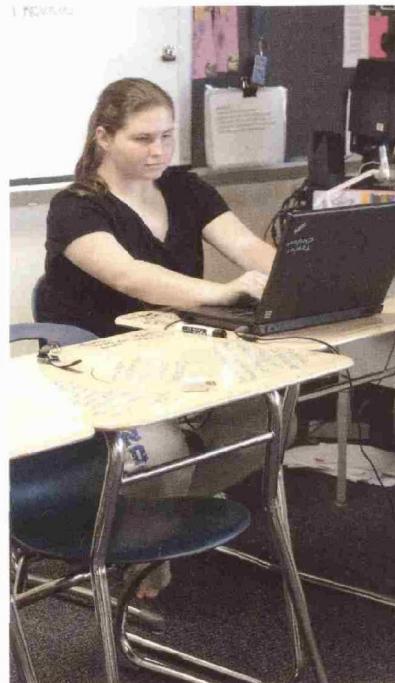


While on a break from school work Emily Wagner (10) showed her talent and interests in drawing. **To pass time quickly** outside of school, Drake Connor (10) constantly had his hands busy building or creating a project that used his electrical or engineering skills.

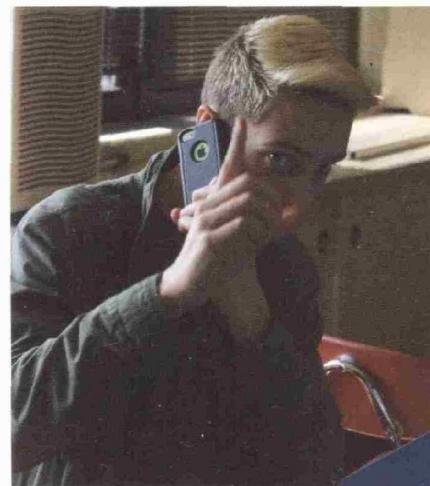
Total concentration on the task at hand, Jessica Jackura (9) verified student data information for portraits to be flowed. **Fighting the urge** to cry, Ms. Sherri Ralph clenched her fists after realizing she forgot her vital reference sheets. **As deadline day approached**, Samantha Colbert (10) worked on editing pages. **Amused with the** outrageously large amount of work, Shield staffers Samantha Colbert (10) and Sarah Ragin (9) tried not to lose their sanity.



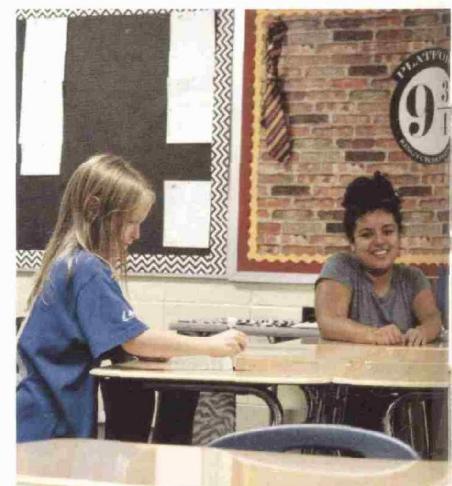
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**"THERE ARE
STROKES ON THIS
PAGE, PAIGE!"
- SAMANTHA
COLBERT (10)**



Talking with a student on the phone to get information needed for a spread, David Mendoza (10) signaled the photographer to wait for a moment.



With a smile on her face, Dailiah Vaquera (10) watched a junior shield staffer doodle a design idea on the desk.

More Than a Staff

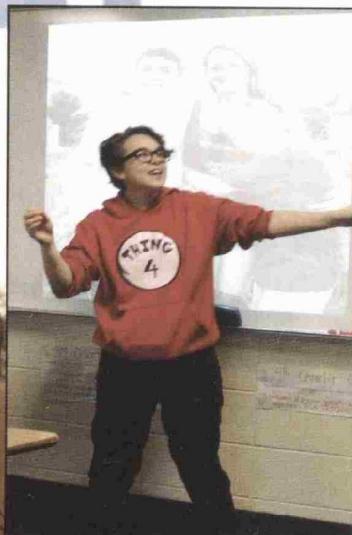
A squad and a family

A snap of a photo, a click of the keyboard, and a few strange questions appeared to all that the yearbook staffers were known for. Simply put, that wasn't the case.

Students would meet every Tuesday and often more than that, working long hours to meet deadlines that came all too fast, but the Shield staff was a squad and a family. Meeting was certainly hectic, but was worth every second

for each member. Yearbook staffers often found themselves smiling and laughing, joking and dancing, telling stories and having a good time. This year's book was tough to make, but for every tough time was an array of happy and fun times that will be remembered for years to come.

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Photos by: Paige Fanning and Dalilah Vaquera



Engulfed in their work, Ms. Sherri Ralph and Paige Fanning (10) examined the spread prior to their first deadline.

THIS YEAR WAS **MORE** than a school year.

Keep track of your memories and aspirations from this year.

My favorite teacher is...

But my most difficult teacher is...

IN MY FREE TIME I...

MY SCHEDULE...

1ST:

2ND:

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4TH:

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6TH:

7TH:

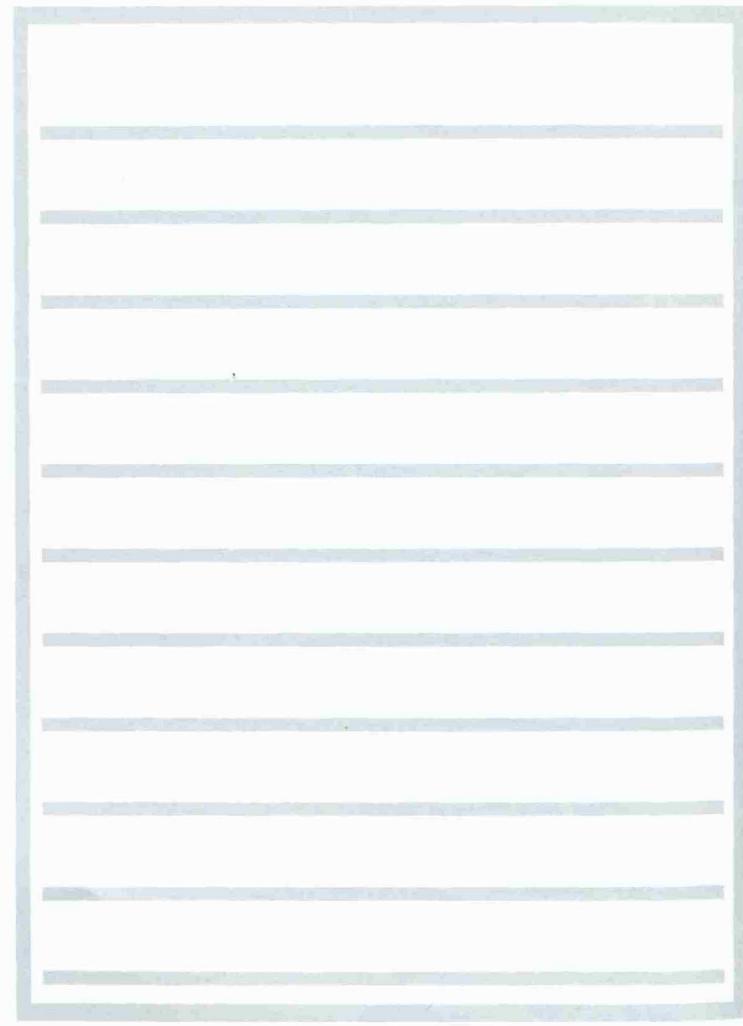
TEN years from NOW

I will be...

I will be living in...

Right now my dream job is...

remember when...



A large rectangular box containing a vertical column of ten horizontal lines for writing memories. The lines are light blue and evenly spaced. To the left of the lines, the words "remember when..." are written vertically in a dark blue, italicized font.

IN 20 YEARS,

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE **EASY** to remember what it was like to be in high school. Fill out this page so you have

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enough memories to relive these days.

No, it's not easy to remember the little things...

My favorite song...

My favorite color...

My favorite store...

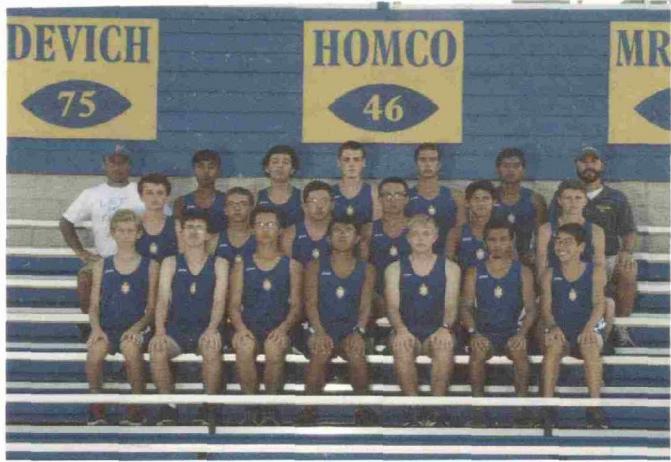
My favorite app...

My favorite food...

My favorite restaurant...

On Friday nights, I would be found with...

Our favorite memory was...



Boys Cross Country

Gavit Invite	2nd Place
Highland Invite	2nd Place
NCC Conference	4th Place
Sectionals	3rd Place
Regionals	5th Place
Semi-state	16th Place

ROW 1: Nicholas Markus, Joshua Cox, Nicolas Hernandez, Eric Alegre, Logan Andreatta, Cristian Chavez, Mateo Garcia ROW 2: Graem Stickann, Vincent Bovino, Joseph Silva, Sasa Zdrnjia, Benjamin Salinas, Tristen Comer ROW 3: Coach Mike Stickann, Maximus Campos, Estevan Ramirez, Matthew Roach, Cristian Zendejas, Edward Pedroza, Coach Robert Lukowski

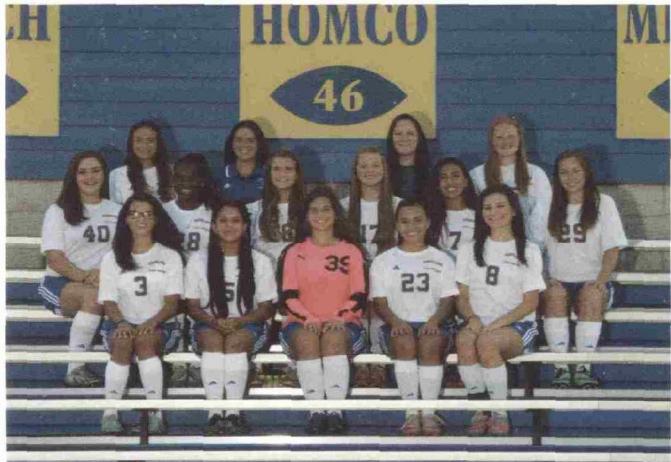


Girls Cross Country

Gavit Invite	1st Place
Highland Invite	2nd Place
NCC Conference	4th Place
Sectionals	3rd Place
Regionals	6th Place

*4 of 7 varsity runners advanced to semi-state on an individual basis.

ROW 1: Lauren Toth, Esmeralda Perez, Ciera Lee, Marley Salinas, Skylar Guffey ROW 2: Lauren Urevig, Leah Clark, Madelyn Smigla, Annabelle Rivera, Gloria Linkiewicz, Wendolin Mata ROW 3: Zoie Ison, Reilly Panozzo, Lillian Kosior, Kayla Polen, Moriah McCormick, Chloe Rivera, Coach Robert Lukowski



Girls JV Soccer

Crown Point 2-4 (L)
Lafayette Jeff 0-0 (T) (only played 1 half)
Andrean 0-0 (T)
Merrillville 5-0 (W)
LC (CANCELLED)
Lowell 2-0 (W)
Wheeler 0-0 (T) (only played 1 half)
Kankakee Valley 3-0 (L)

Michigan City 3-0 (W)
Hanover Central 6-0 (W)
Griffith 1-0 (L) (only played 1 half)
Chesterton 5-1 (L)
Munster 4-0 (L)
Portage 0-0 (T)
Hobart 0-0 (T)
Valparaiso 6-0 (L)

ROW 1: Hailey Childress, Emelia Lopez, Morgan Salazar, Giavonna Venturella, Megan Michalak ROW 2: Amanda Cruse, Artasia James, Brianna Dewey, Lauren Gora, Jaquelyne Arellano, Rylee Flavin, Grace Aurand, Coach Karlie Wolfe, Coach Shannon Dempsey, Brooke Durkin



Girls Varsity Soccer

Crown Point 0-0 (T)
Lafayette Jeff 3-2 (L)
Andrean 1-1 (L in PKs)
Merrillville 6-0 (W)
Lowell 1-0 (W)
Wheeler 4-0 (L)
Kankakee Valley 2-0 (L)
Michigan City 6-1 (W)
Hanover Central 3-1 (W)
Griffith 3-1 (W)
Chesterton 3-3 (T)

Munster 1-1 (W in Pks)
Portage 2-0 (W)
Lake Central 3-0 (W)
Hobart 5-1 (W)
Valparaiso 0-0 (T)
*Gavit 5-0 (W)
*Lake Central 4-0 (W)
**Crown Point 2-2 (W in Pks)
*** Munster 0-2 (L)

*Denotes sectionals **Denotes Regionals *** Denotes Regional championships

ROW 1: Rose Mikhail, Nicole Russell, Rachel Russell, Mackenzie Pickens, Jordan Rhoten ROW 2: Meaghan Hillier, Jacqueline Frye, Berenice Iniguez, Lauren Gora, Sarah Wagner, Megan Michalak ROW 3: Sarah Manning, Jennifer Sheehan, Jamie Gessler, Allison Brown, Jenna Turpin, Megan McCarty, Adriana Castillo ROW 4: Madeline Revercomb, Sierra Hinkel, Coach Karli Wolfe, Coach Gordon Walker, Coach Shannon Dempsey, Sophie Whiting, Morgan Rinkema



JV & Varsity Football

ROW 1: Nehemiah Bradley, Zachary Bertossi, Kyler Tanis, David Hause, Kaiden Smolar, Shawn Rogers, Kevin Tomlinson, Anfernee Perez-Aquino, Tyler Reyes, Brandon Phillips, Christopher Houk, Michael LeNeave, Ethan Celestin
 ROW 2: Steven Niemann, Anthony Caraballo, Mark Alvarado, Kyle Foster, Daniel Drake, Ethan Fitt, Rafael Rios, Joseph Salazar, Elias Covarrubias, Jacob Korcha, Logan Theisen, Ethan Morgan
 ROW 3: Justin Davis, Casey Austin, Keon Reeves, Jonathan Garcia, Hunter Reilly, Dean Foundos, Andrew Carstensen, Fareed Subuh, Casey Cox, Jermaine Doss, Muhammad Subh
 ROW 4: Gannon Grider, Jarrod Thiele, Douglas Brandon, Corey Kijurna, Nicholas Anderson, Joshua Gunderson, Trent Slaven, Collin Reilly, Angel Mata, Islam Hamad
 ROW 5: Austin Andreatta, Jacey Bertalan, Kiley Elbaor, Kaitlyn Pecoski, Sarah Munsie
 ROW 6: Patrick Ohaver (Athletic Trainer), Coach Malachi Mishler, Head Coach Trent Grider, Coach Bob Szafranski, Coach Jim Szafranski

Junior Varsity

Valparaiso	47-0 L
Munster	7-0 L
Lowell	8-0 L
Andrean	28-17 L
Griffith	54-7 W
Kankakee Valley	21-7 W
Hobart	28-14 L

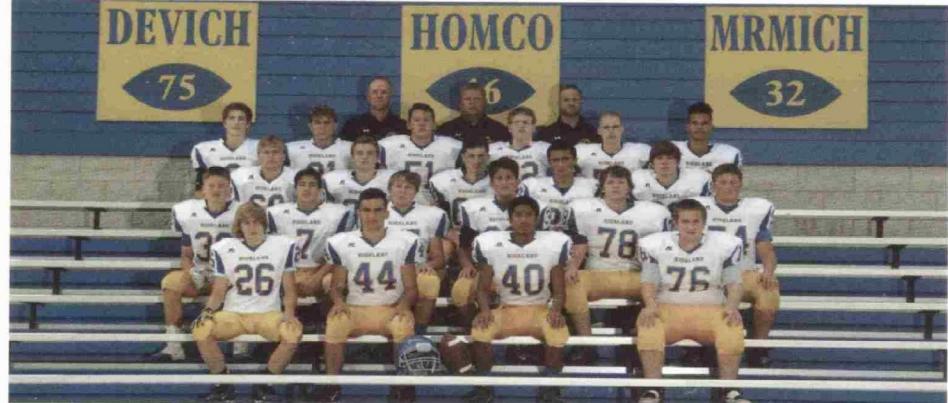
Varsity

Morton	42-13 W
Hammond	23-6 W
Munster	6-47 L
Clark	42-8 W
Lowell	14-41 L
Andrean	28-52 L

Griffith 6-24 L
 Kankakee Valley 19-14 W
 *Clark 57-6 W
 *Munster 15-36 L
 *Denotes Sectional Game

Freshmen Football

ROW 1: David Mueller, Jacob Celestin, Piolo Eyano, Noah VanHoose
 ROW 2: Richard Spinks, Adam Ahmad, Riley Bertalan, Colin Barsich, Samuel Orona, Justin Bogner
 ROW 3: Cody Leneave, Zachary Frye, Eian Tiltges, Jesse Geffert, Gage VanTreese
 ROW 4: Garret Hudnall, Mason Plebanski, Samuel Perez, Michael Ii, Dawson Simmons, Brandon Hubbard
 ROW 5: Coach David Bedka, Head Coach Craig Roggenbuck, Coach Matthew Bugajski



Munster	0-6 L
Rensselaer	7-8 L

Lowell	14-17L
Andrean	28-6 W

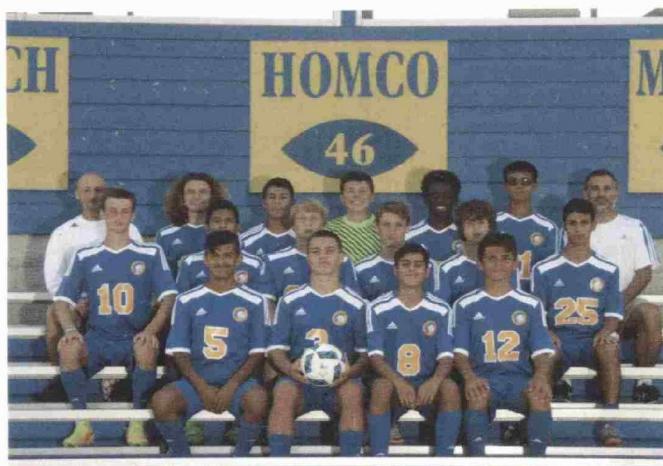
Griffith	37-0 W
Kankakee Valley	34-18W
Hobart	0-21 L



Boys Junior Varsity Soccer

Bishop Noll	5-2	W	Wheeler	7-0	W
Lake Central	0-7	L	Hanover Central	5-0	W
Griffith	1-1	T	Michigan City	2-1	W
Lowell	4-1	W	Munster	1-3	L
Andrean	1-2	L	Portage	1-1	T
Crown Point	0-7	L	Hammond Clark	2-1	W
Kankakee Valley	1-1	T	Hobart	4-0	W
Chesterton	0-2	L			

ROW 1: Joshua Rudloff, Nathaniel Taillon, Joshua Krull, Kyle Gordon, Jackson Raycroft ROW 2: Benjamin Strode, Christopher Amador, Joshua Maticik, Conner Olah, John Mastej, Fidel Iniguez, Coach Pere Dorsuleski, Joseph Tellez, Nicholas Witham, Bryce Fulkerson, Anthony Mako, Mitchell Wagner, Coach Marc Tanis



Boys Varsity Soccer

Bishop Noll	1-2	L	Michigan City	4-2	W
Lake Central	1-2	L	Munster	3-2	W
Griffith	3-1	W	Portage	3-0	W
Lowell	7-1	W	Hammond Clark	7-1	W
Andrean	1-1	L in PKs	Hobart	6-0	W
Crown Point	1-1	Tie	*Griffith	1-0	W
Kankakee Valley	1-1	L in PKs	*Lake Central	0-3	L
Chesterton	2-2	Tie			
Wheeler	8-0	W			

*Denotes Sectional Game

ROW 1: Rafael Garcia, Avery Reinhart, Elias Ortega, Tyler Urbanczyk ROW 2: Michael Johnson, Robert Cerda, Ryan McKnight, Mitchell Moynihan, Kyler Tanis, Anthony Magallon ROW 3: Coach Pere Dorsuleski, Eric Wood, Danny Vargas, Brian Burbridge, Darnell Harwood, Evan Hess, Coach Marc Tanis



Scores Not Reported

C-Team Volleyball

ROW 1: Haley Blaundin, Lainey Sperry, Angelina Baker, Monique Hubbird ROW 2: Audrey Zoeteman, Destiny Rodriguez, Madison Yurkanin, Stephanie Narantic, Avaleigh Mazur, Savannah Morgan ROW 3: Coach Samantha Kerber, Adrienne Valdez, Daniele Mueller, Coach Sarah Joy, Coach Abbey Strohl



Scores Not Reported

Junior Varsity Volleyball

ROW 1: Amanda Hoffman, Sarah Peters, Dailigh Romano, Taylor Vandommelen, Erica Felix ROW 2: Mary Kalbrunner, Riane Holder, Danielle Opitz, Jessica Klacik, Emma Hamilton, Riley Cruse ROW 3: Kayla Massa, Coach Sarah Joy, Coach Abbey Strohl, Coach Samantha Kerber

Varsity Volleyball

Portage	3-2	W	Hobart	3-1	W	Lowell	0-3	L
Hammond Gavit	3-0	W	Wawasee	3-0	W	Bishop Noll	0-3	L
Merrillville	2-0	W	Kankakee Valley	3-0	W	Munster	0-3	L
Hanover Central	2-0	W	Griffith	3-0	W	Andrean	0-3	L
Hobart	3-2	W	West Lafayette	0-2	L	Hanover Central	1-3	L
Whiting	3-1	W	Huntington North			East Noble	0-2	L
Kankakee Valley	3-0	W		0-2	L	Hanover Central	0-3	L
Griffith	3-0	W	Lake Central	0-3	L	Lowell	1-3	L
Hammond	3-0	W	Michigan City	1-3	L	Valparaiso	0-3	L
Hobart	3-1	W	Lowell	0-3	L			

ROW 1: Danielle Fowler, Courtney Morton, Hannah Starcevich, Katelyn Bedka, Mackenzie Lewis, Dailigh Romano ROW 2: Elizabeth Hoffman, Taylor Breidenbaugh, Cassidy Morinville, Jillian Hunt, Kodie Wilson ROW 3: Coach Abbey Strohl, Taylor Steele, Delia Curtis, Kayla Massa, Coach Sarah Joy, Coach Samantha Kerber

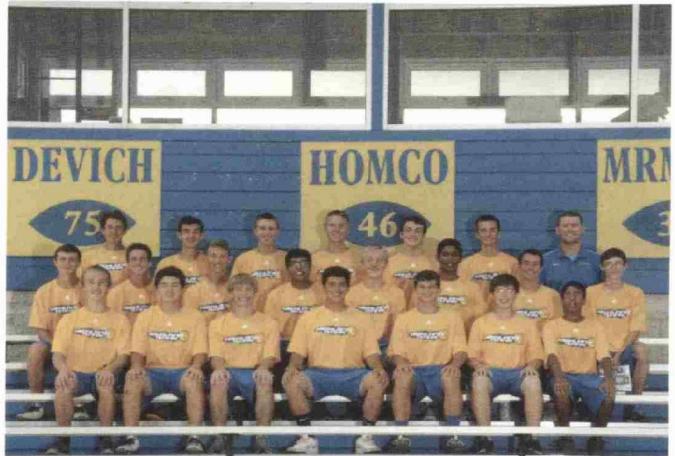


Boys Tennis

Hanover Central	W		HAST	W	
Merrillville	L		Kankakee Valley	W	
Lake Central	W		LaPorte	W	
Andrean	W		Morton	W	
Griffith	W		Bishop Noll	W	
Crown Point	W		New Prairie	W	
Munster	L		Griffith	W	
Hobart	W		*Gavit	W	
Hanover Central	W		*Munster	L	
Lowell	L				

*Denotes Sectional Game

ROW 1: Rudi Sprenne, Frederick Kepler, Kevin Hasier, Alexander Lopez, Zachary Benninghoff, Daniel Wilson, Stefan Jacob ROW 2: Steven Fowler, Samuel Carpenter, Christopher Peters, Ishaan Patel, Martis Sprenne, Meet Patel, Christopher Koutz, Nolan Turoci



Girls Golf

Scores Not Reported



ROW 1: Elise Gluth, Karli Byrd, Olivia Smith, Miyah Hinkel ROW 2: Coach Daniel Richardson, Alexis Whitehead, Kylie Richardson, Carlyn Stone, Olivia Gibson

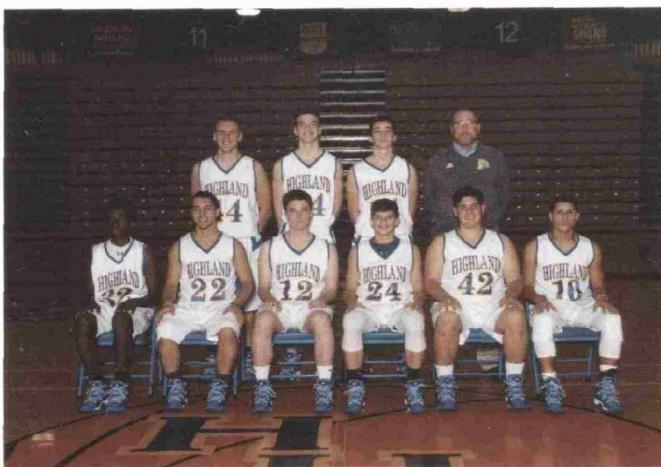


Freshmen Boys Basketball

Chesterton	L	Munster	29-40	L	Morton	35-30	W	
Boone Grove	47-25	W	Lowell	W	Clark	41-14	W	
Kankakee Valley	44-23	W	Hobart	43-34	W	Gavit	43-36	W
Griffith	29-35	L	Portage	32-39	L	C. Point	31-43	L
Bowman	70-25	L	EC	39-37	W	LC	27-42	L
Bishop Noll	36-46	L	Hanover	44-31	W			
Hammond	30-42	L	Andrean	39-26	W			

ROW 1: Anthony Reid, Zachary Burleson, Warren Kovacek, Joseph Tellez, Hoyt Bennett, Andrew Scott ROW 2: Kylian Brown, Matthew Mendoza, Adam Ahmad, Xavier Arce, Blake Vrska, Mason Blankenship, Coach Anthony Belli

JV Boys Basketball



Portage	34-55	W	Lake Central	44-58	L
River Forest	44-57	L	Munster	38-38	L
Bishop Noll	56-52	W	Lake Station	44-39	W
Whiting	58-42	W	Andrean	58-41	W
Hammond	37-46	L	Kankakee Valley	46-41	W
Lafayette Jeff	41-67	L	Hammond Gavit	43-53	L
Griffith	58-54	W	Hanover Central	59-56	W
Wheeler	59-42	W	Hammond Clark	59-18	W
Clark	53-33	W	Washington TWP	71-46	W
Morton	77-45	W	Hobart	58-53	W
Lowell	40-59	L	Calumet	44-56	L

ROW 1: Myles Simmons, Ricardo Perez-Crespo, Thomas Crowel, Zachary Benninghoff, Jordan Siska, Anfernee Perez-Aquino ROW 2: Trent Slaven, William Morinville, Dean Foundos, Coach Tom Brankin

Varsity Boys Basketball



Portage	46-68	L	Morton	41-57	L	Hanover Central	71-51	W
River Forest	53-62	L	Munster	43-61	L	Hammond Clark	67-38	W
Bishop Noll	61-60	W	Lowell	60-62	L	Washington TWP	46-43	W
Whiting	57-64	L	Lake Central	44-59	L	Hobart	53-51	W
Hammond	60-57	W	Munster	47-49	L	Calumet	59-65	L
Lafayette Jeff	46-72	L	Lake Station	59-43	W	*Morton	64-67	L
Griffith	37-68	L	Andrean	63-66	L			
Wheeler	35-50	L	Kankakee Valley	28-57	L			
Hammond Gavit	56-51	W	Hammond Gavit	54-40	W			

ROW 1: Alex Pulleyblank, Samuel Carpenter, Raul Maldonado, Tyler Brankin, Joshua Gunderson, Issac Sytsma ROW 2: Tyler Scheidt, Nicholis Thompson, Bradley Reynolds, Coach Reynolds, Coach Jordan Heckard, Coach Tom Brankin, Nathan Tuskan, Kyran Gibson



Valparaiso	23-21	W	Lake Central	21-20	W
Portage	29-33	L	Griffith	41-20	W
Crown Point	29-30	L	Lowell	42-10	W
Kankakee Valley	13-54	L	Merrillville	35-17	W
Chesterton	23-11	W	East Chicago	24-42	L
Bishop Noll	30-7	W	Lowell	30-23	W
Hammond Clark	28-10	W	Lake Central	11-39	L
Munster	22-9	W	Munster	17-33	L
Lake Central	21-20	W			

ROW 1: Olivia Gibson, Danielle Opitz, Alicia Wright, Grace Aurand, Makayla Pawlak, Margaret McQuillan ROW 2: Coach Brittany Dowd, Amira Zahabi, Amanda Cruse, Hallie Ryzewski, Marissa Smith, Sarah Peters

JV Girls Basketball



Chesterton	L	Valparaiso	L	Hobart
Bishop Noll	W	East Chicago	W	Hammond Clark
Boone Grove	W	Crown Point	L	Munster
Hanover Central	W	Lowell	W	Griffith
Kankakee Valley	L	Calumet	W	Munster
Lake Central	L	Merrillville	W	Whiting
Hammond Gavit	W	LaPorte	L	
Andrean	L	Hammond	W	

ROW 1: Meaghan Hillier, Kodi Heston, Tyra Russ, Cecilia Silva, Alicia Silva, Artasia James ROW 2: Coach Tyliissa Fulgham, Ariana Flores, Erica Felix, Morgan Koble, Riley Cruse, Rachel Russell

Varsity Girls Basketball

Chesterton	36-47	L	Valparaiso	46-56	L	Hobart	47-34	W
Bishop Noll	64-28	W	East Chicago	54-58	L	Hammond Clark	71-38	W
Boone Grove	63-27	W	Crown Point	51-46	W	Morton	78-57	W
Hanover Central	48-31	W	Lowell	78-41	W	Griffith	67-24	W
Kankakee Valley	54-61	L	Calumet	74-24	W	Munster	52-36	W
Lake Central	49-63	L	Merrillville	37-56	L	Whiting	62-20	W
Hammond Gavit	69-8	W	LaPorte	48-60	L	*Morton	79-44	W
Andrean	54-43	W	Hammond	72-22	W	*Gary West Side	42-69	L

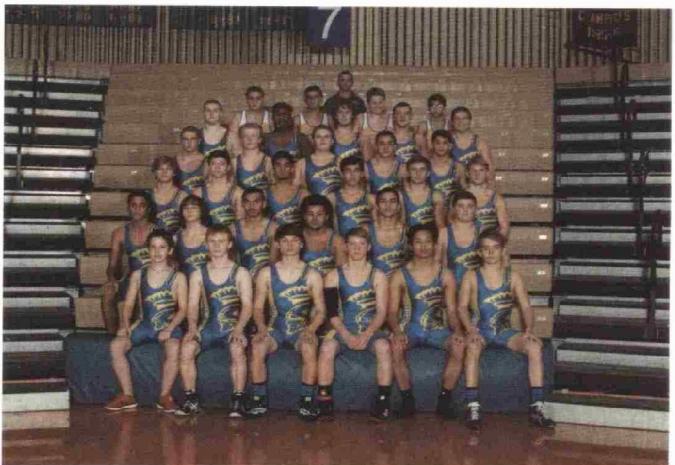
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Wrestling

Clark	52-21	W	Morton	44-23	W	East Chicago	70-12	W
Morton	36-42	L	Plymouth	30-46	L	Whiting	78-0	W
Gavit	47-19	W	Lowell		L	Hobart	12-66	L
Munster	54-17	W	Griffith	39-37	W	Munster	70-6	W
Harrison	9-59	L	Kankakee Valley	27-44	L	Kankakee Valley	25-47	L
Clay	39-34	W	Andrean	48-24	W	Wheeler	42-35	W
Kankakee Valley	30-53	L	SB Washington	40-33	W			
Morton	44-23	W						

ROW 1: Jared Pottorf, Austin Wheeler, Michael LeNeave, Brandon Phillips, Marc Landes, Jacob Hirchak ROW 2: Kuran Kinley, Joshua Yuran, Jose Vazquez, Douglas Brandon, Elias Covarrubias, Justin Bogner ROW 3: Cody LeNeave, Eric Larkin, Octavio, Alexander Lopez, Jacob Korcha, Ryan McKnight ROW 4: Kyle Foster, Steven Niemann, Daniel Drake, Mark Alvarado, Raul Mendoza ROW 5: Andrew Sharp, Justin Davis, Ethan O'Riley, Samuel Perez, Bryan Barajas ROW 6: Noah Vanhoose, Jesse Geffert, Michael Ii, Mateo Garcia



Boys Swimming & Diving

Kankakee Valley	W	Crown Point	L	Munster	L
Lake Central	W	Hobart	W	Michigan City	W
Munster Relays		Highland Invite		Morton	W
Lowell	W	LaPorte	L	NCC Conference	2nd Place
Merrillville	W	Griffith	W	Chesterton	L
Portage	W	Valparaiso	W	Sectionals	4th Place

ROW 1: Ethan Lewis, Jhovany Leon Vazquez, Joshua Johnston, Logan Juran, Felipe Arbelaez 2: Coach Nick Castillo, Coach Cheryl Fleming, Ethan Morgan, Andrew Vassar, Daniel Piech, Scott Stange, Clayton Whiting, Connor Begeske ROW 3: David Mendoza, Edward Pedroza, Estevan Ramirez, Hunter Reilly ROW 4: Ethan Churilla, Alexander Melby, Michael Gilmore, Zachary Kochvar, Vicente Ayon, Shane Kline, Cristian Zendejas



Girls Swimming & Diving

Chesterton	L	Munster Relays	8th	LaPorte	L
Griffith	W	Lowell	L	Highland Invite	7th
Valparaiso	L	Merrillville	W	NCC Conference	3rd
Munster	L	Portage	L	Michigan City	L
Kankakee Valley	L	Crown Point	L	Morton	W
Lake Central	L	Hobart	W	Sectionals	5th

ROW 1: Cloe Schipper, Isabelle Hibbard, Jessica Hanson, Elise Gluth ROW 2: Coach Nathalie Rohling, Coach Nick Castillo, Coach Cheryl Fleming, Abigail White, Megan Granados, Kenna Crowel, Arianna Winchell, Ella Crowel ROW 3: Avaleigh Mazur, Paige Spiegel, Emily Marvel, Katherine Krick ROW 4: Morgan Rose, Grace Miedema, Alexandra Rose, Marissa Moore, Riley Henry





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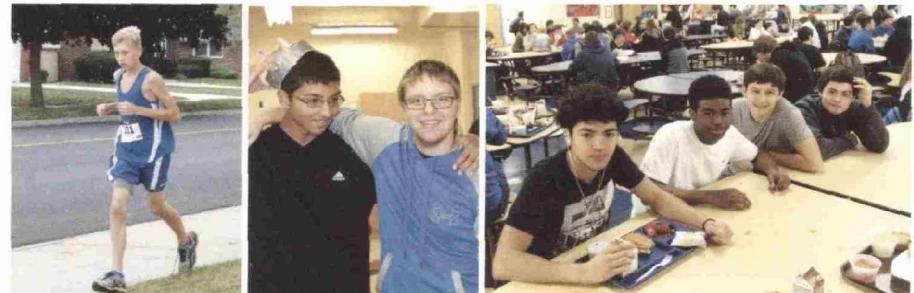
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At the end of the year, Mr. Dennis Kaminski will walk out of room 632 for the last time. After teaching at Highland High School for forty-two years, Kaminski has left a huge impact on all of his students and coworkers including his third hour spanish three class. **Having the support of** the athletic department and entire volleyball program, the girls raised funds through their fundraiser, "Serve With Pride" to donate one thousand dollars to the Highland Police Department.

MORE than



As the 2016-17 school year came to an end, we can look back on the moments that made this more than an ordinary school year. We watched our classmates go through disheartening times, and watched them excel at other times. The final curtain call came, and the final buzzer sounded. We lived through more than individual moments; we lived through a year that will forever be more than a memory. Highland High School was the building that brought us all together to make it happen. As the final bell rang to bring the school year to an

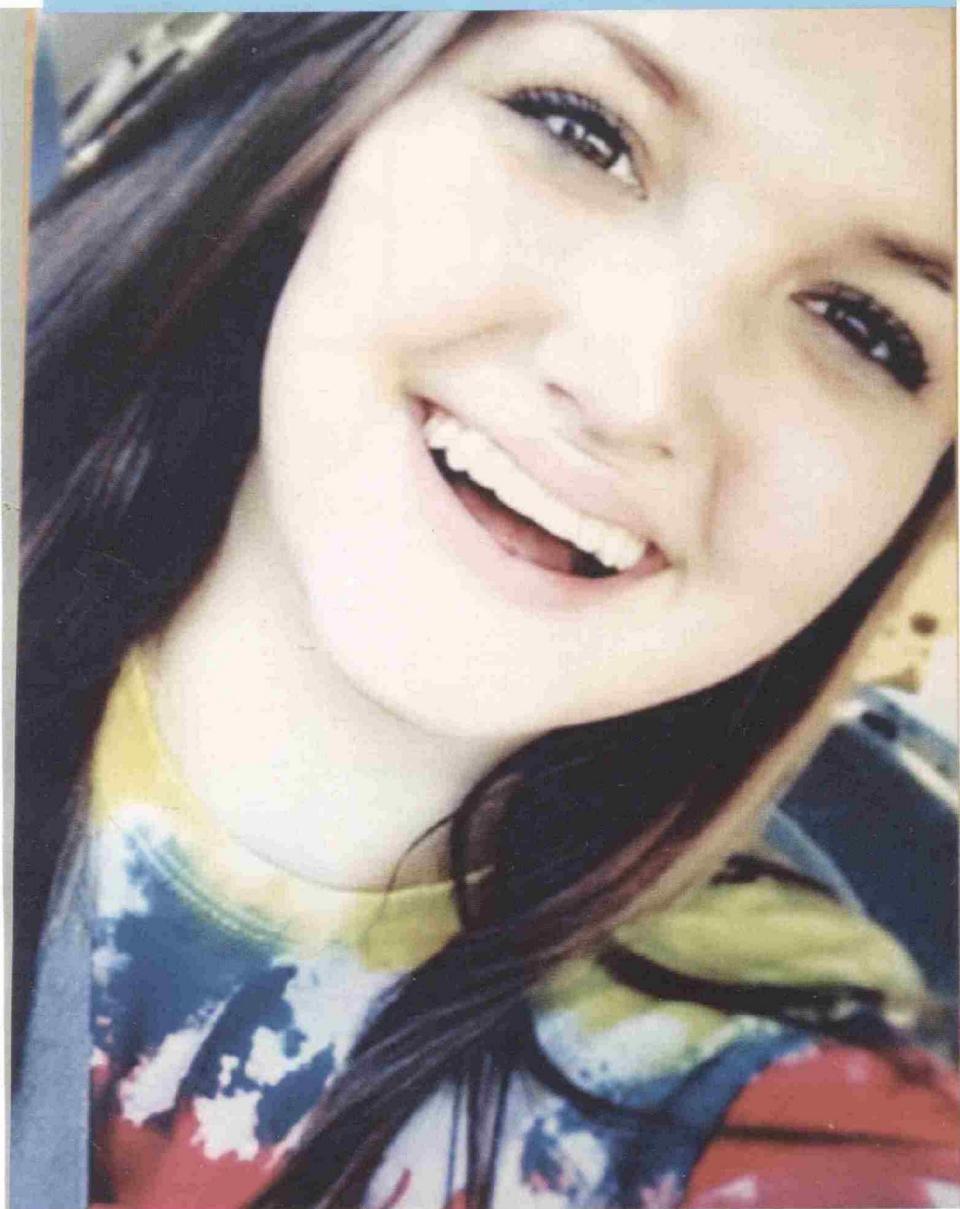


end, this building has always served more than just the school that we attended. It is home; one that will always welcome us back to the years with friends, acquaintances, teachers and leaders that helped make us who we are. Always let this year be more than time; let this year be the learning experience to make each day a better one. **Page by:**

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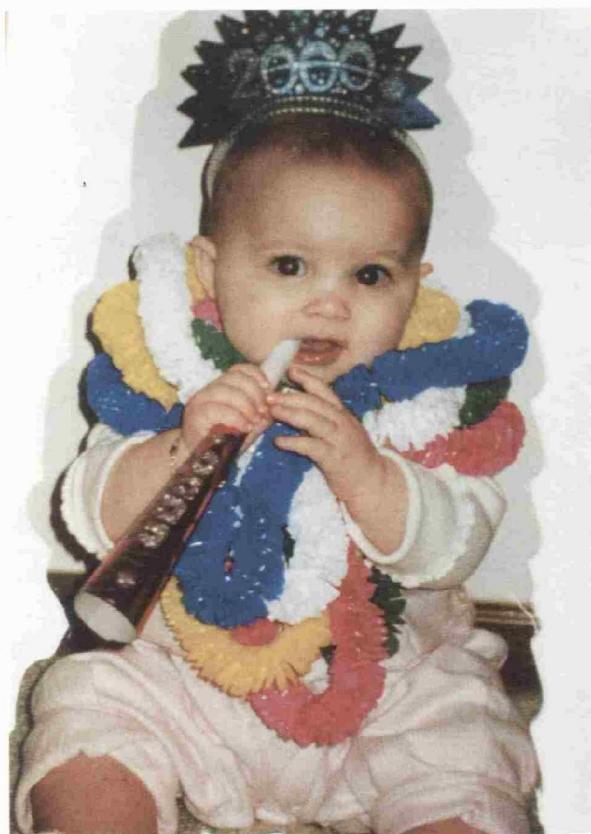
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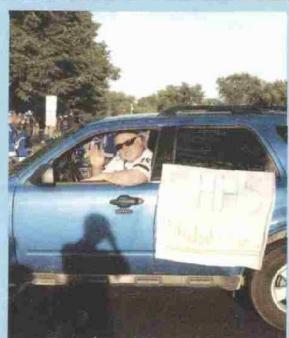
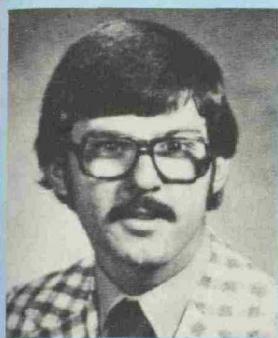
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Dear Sarah, "Our Baby Girl"
It has been "17" beautiful
years watching you grow into
the amazing young woman
you are today. Through all of
our ups & downs, you remain
so strong. You have always
had a huge heart of gold,
don't ever lose that! Always
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choices.

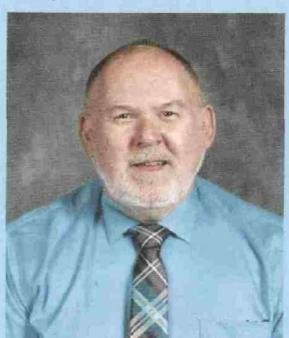
Congratulations & Good Luck in your future baby girl. We
all love you so very much.
XOXO, Mom, Dad, Carrie & Becky





**HAPPY RETIREMENT to
Mr. Dennis Kaminski!**

Highland High School is lucky to have had your dedication and service. We are all so blessed to have had you as a teacher, coworker, leader, and friend. After 42 years of dedication to our school, we hope you never have to plan a homecoming, blood drive, or spaghetti dinner again! Enjoy life to its fullest and always be kind.



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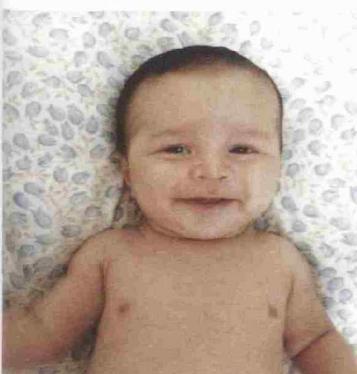
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discover & create yourself.
We are incredibly proud of your
academic successes.
Determination & hard work has lead
you towards amazing opportunities.

Your integrity is admirable.
Always remain the happiest girl in the room who follows her heart & not the crowd.
That witty, quirky & uncanny free spirit of yours is loved by so many.
Keep that humble heart of yours full of curiosity & keep taking chances!
Stay wild, my wild child
Mom, Dad & Karlie

Keelie Gragido



Felipe Caldeira

Senior 2017

There are no words to describe the deep love
that we feel for you. Since you were born, your
smiles have brightened our lives, and since

then, you have given us countless joys.

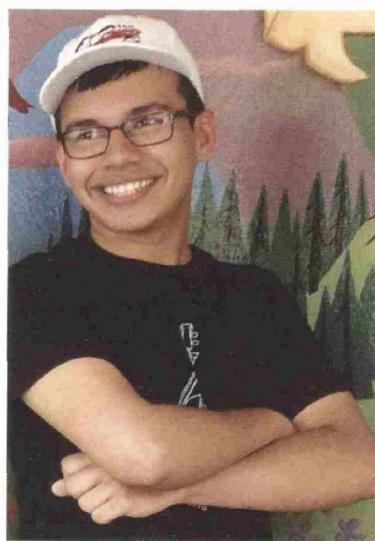
Son, you are very intelligent, but what fills us
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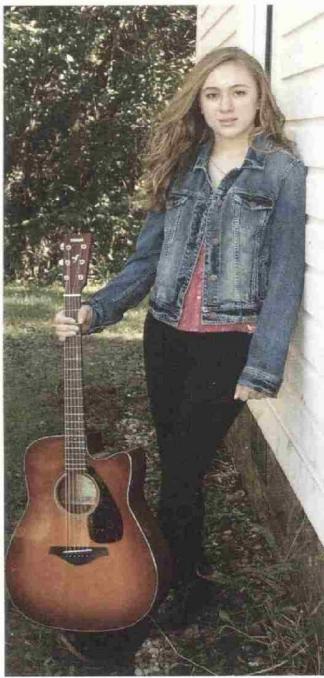
We love you Felipe.

Dad, Mommy, Talitha, and Luna

Delight yourself in the LORD and He will
give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 31:4





Elizabeth A. Hoffman

"If you DREAM it, you can DO it!"

We are so proud of you and ALL that you DREAM!
All our love!...Dad, Mom, Sarah & Amanda

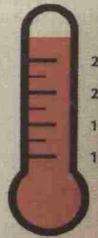
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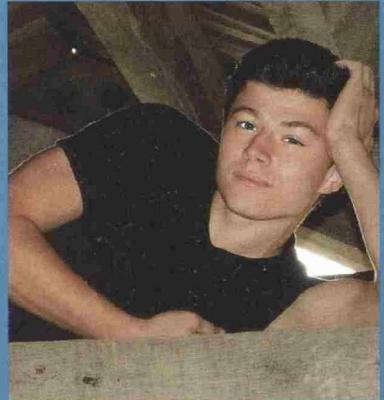
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You have kept us on our toes from
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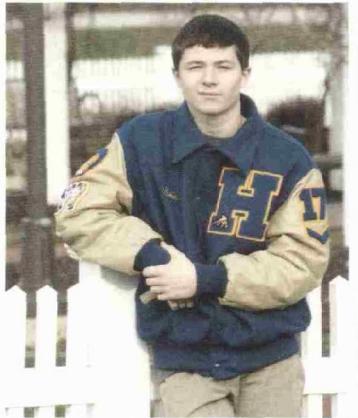
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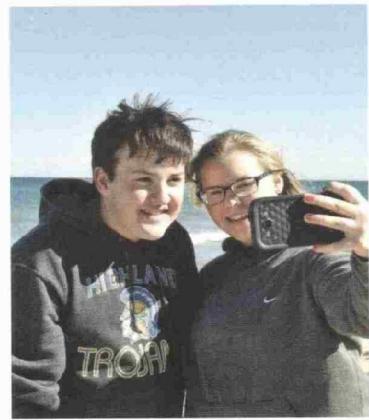
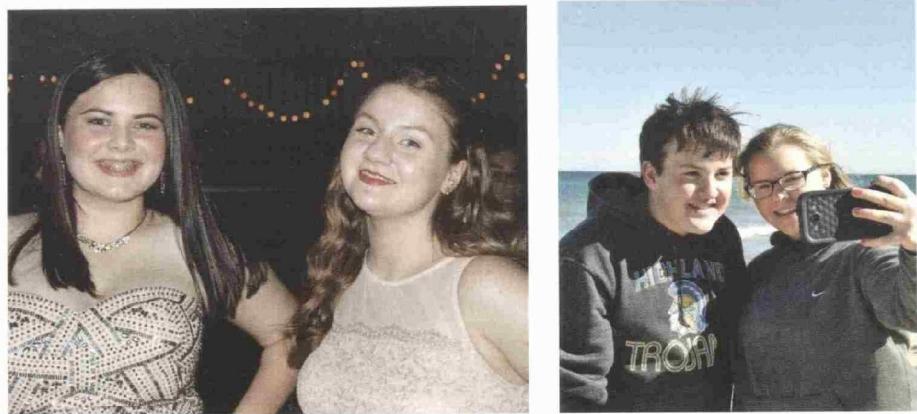

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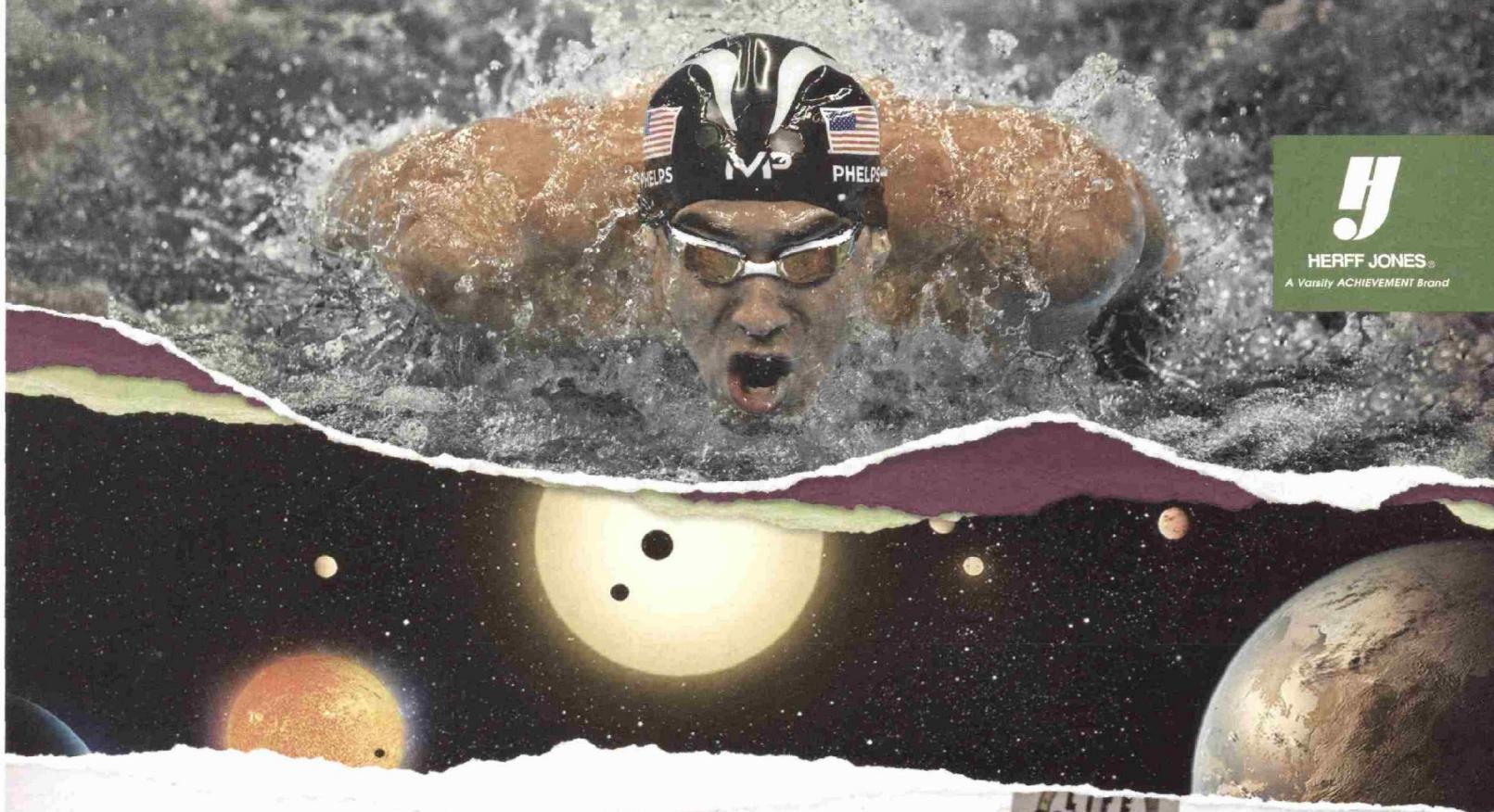


With smiles on their faces, Kayleigh Ferguson (9) and Erin Perry (9) stopped for a photo in their dresses. **At the game,** Highland High School's student section raised their hands. **In the midst of** the makeup room, Carlyn Stone (10) did a dance, ending with her arms in the air.

While at the beach on a field trip, students Luke Wasowicz (11) and Samantha Bugno (11) took a picture. **With a smile,** Madison Maxeiner (10) molded her pottery. **To help** raise funds for Highland families, Jamie Gessler (10), Carley Ramirez (10), Kayla Polen (10), and Jenna Turpin (10) worked the spaghetti dinner.



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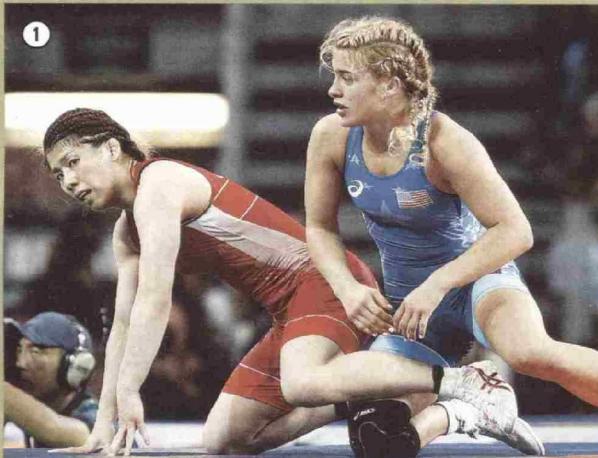
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2016-2017

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IT'S WHAT THE OLYMPIC SPIRIT WAS
MADE OF IN RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL.

11,237 OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST ATHLETES from all over the globe gathered in August to pursue lifelong dreams and compete for Olympic glory. There were firsts, as Rio was the first South American city to host the Olympic Games. There were records broken — the United States earning 121 medals — surpassing the previous record of medals earned (which they also held). There were downfalls in the form of injuries, controversies and losses. But there were, of course, tremendous and victorious triumphs, celebrations of nations coming together, demonstration of character and pure grit and moments of relishing in hard work, determination, talent and tenacity — true athletic prowess at its finest.



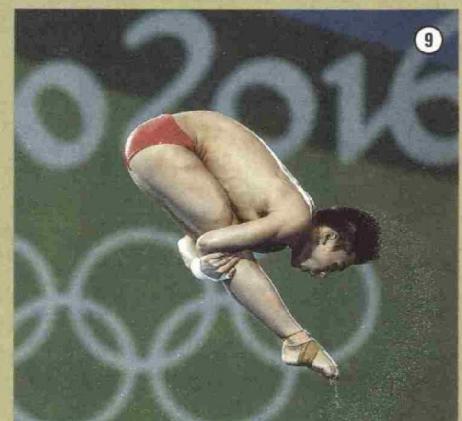
1. HELEN MAROULIS, the first American woman to earn Olympic gold in wrestling, defeated opponent Saori Yoshida of Japan.

2. NEYMAR DELIVERED A HOME TEAM VICTORY, earning Brazil soccer gold after scoring the winning penalty kick, 5-4 against Germany.

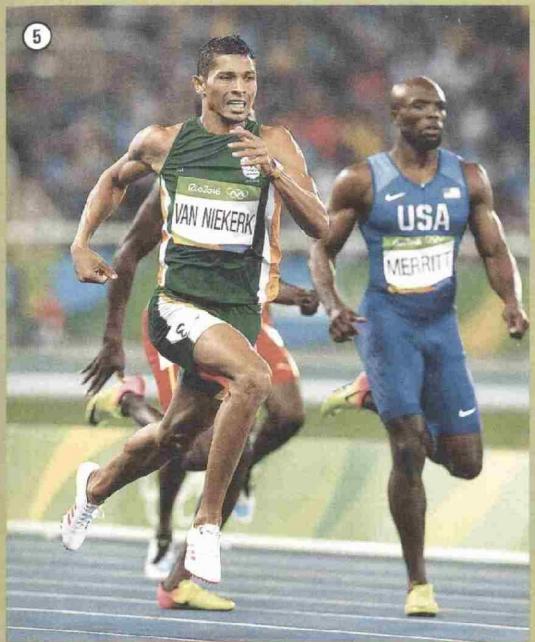
DREAMS & DEFEAT

3. AN UNFORTUNATE MISSTEP for French gymnast Samir Ait Said resulted in a lower leg break during the men's qualifying round.

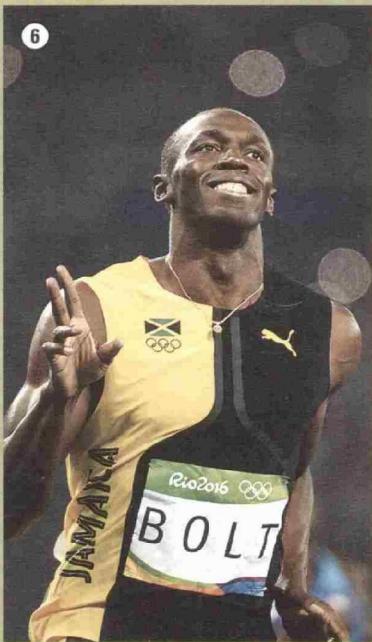
4. THE 100-METER HURDLES were dominated by Americans: Brianna Rollins, Nia Ali and Kristi Castlin who finished first, second and third, respectively.



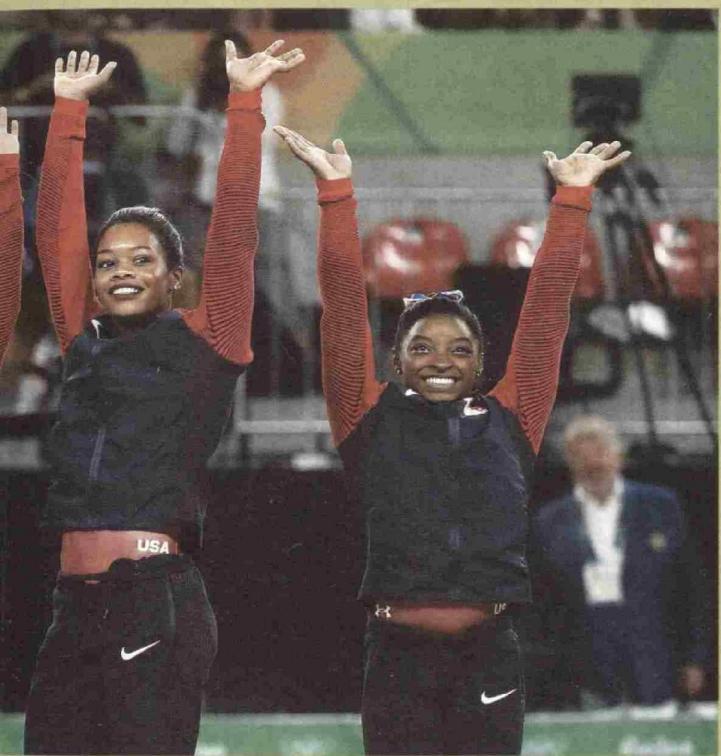
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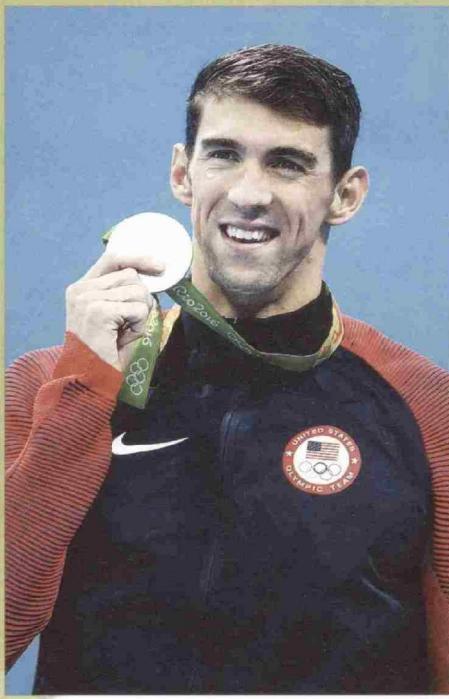
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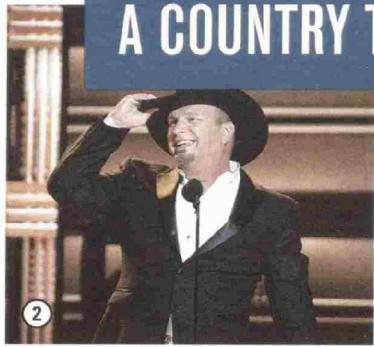
5. SOUTH AFRICA'S WAYDE VAN NIEKERK broke a 17-year-old record in the 400-meter race, earning gold with a time of 43.03 seconds. He largely credited his 74-year-old coach, former sprinter and long jumper, Anna Botha. **6. AFTER ACHIEVING A "TRIPLE-TRIPLE"** by winning all three sprint titles at three consecutive games, Jamaican track and field star Usain Bolt declared his desire to be the greatest. **7. DEEMED THE "FINAL FIVE,"** Aly Raisman, Madison Kocian, Laurie Hernandez, Gabby Douglas and Simone Biles won nine medals at the Rio Olympic Games, breaking the previous record of eight medals shared by the 1984 and 2008 teams. The U.S. women's gymnastics team celebrated victory over all rivals with a total of 8.209 points; Russia fell to second place, while China came in third. **8. TWO DISTANCE RUNNERS COLLIDED** during the women's 5,000 meter event. Abbey D'Agostino of the United States and Nikki Hamblin of New Zealand helped each other and finished the race with times of 17:10.02 and 16:43.10. **9. CHEN AISEN'S** performance led China to their seventh gold medal in diving at the Rio Olympics. **10. THE UNITED STATES MEN'S OLYMPIC BASKETBALL TEAM** won gold in the final knockout round with a victory over Serbia and a score of 96-66. This was the team's third consecutive gold medal.



US SWIMMERS: AN UNSTOPPABLE CLASS OF ATHLETES



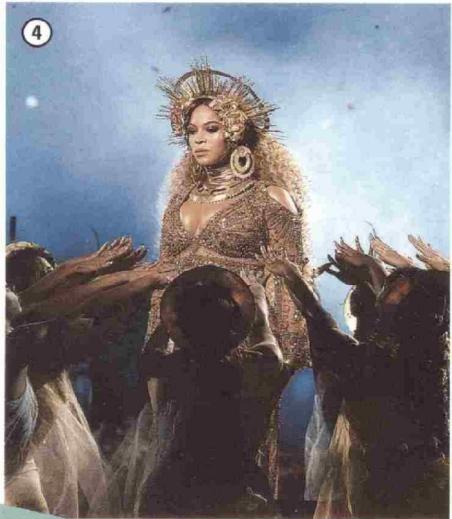
U.S. SWIMMERS were standout athletes at the Rio Olympics. Michael Phelps, the most decorated Olympian of all time, picked up five more gold medals and a silver, bringing his collection to a total of 28. The 31-year-old confirmed plans to retire and said he wouldn't compete in the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Female U.S. swimmers Katie Ledecky and Simone Manuel each made history in Rio. Ledecky broke her own record in the 800-meter freestyle, becoming the first woman to sweep the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle races since 1968. Manuel tied for gold in the 100-meter freestyle, making her the first African American woman in history to win an individual Olympic swimming medal.



1. **CARRIE UNDERWOOD** won several notable awards including AMA's Favorite Country Album for *Storyteller*, CMA's Female Vocalist award and CMT's Female Video of the Year award for "Smoke Break."

2. **GARTH BROOKS** won Entertainer of the Year for the fourth time at the CMA Awards in November. He previously won the title in 1991, 1992 and 1997. 3. **ERIC CHURCH'S** album, *Misunderstood*, received the Album of the Year award at the CMAs in November.

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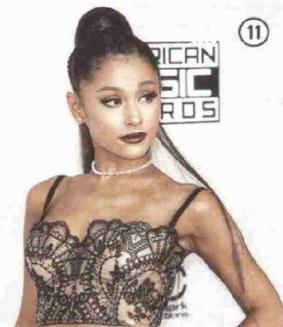
THERE WAS MUCH MORE TO THE MUSIC SCENE THAN JUST TOP HITS.

5. **LADY GAGA** performed the halftime show at Super Bowl LI, opening with a rendition of "This Land is Your Land." She began her set on top of the NRG Stadium in Houston, Texas with a fleet of illuminated drones behind her, before seemingly leaping and appearing on stage to perform hit songs like "Poker Face," "Telephone" and "Bad Romance."

6. **BOB DYLAN** won the Nobel Prize for Literature for his poetic expression through song. In February, the singer/songwriter announced plans to release a triple album of classic songs called *Tripleplay*. 7. **DRAKE'S** momentum didn't slow as he dominated Spotify listening trends, was awarded three AMAs, three BET awards, a *Billboard* Music Award, a Teen Choice Award, a VMA and more. His song "Hotline Bling" won Best Rap Song and Best Rap/Sung Performance at the Grammys.



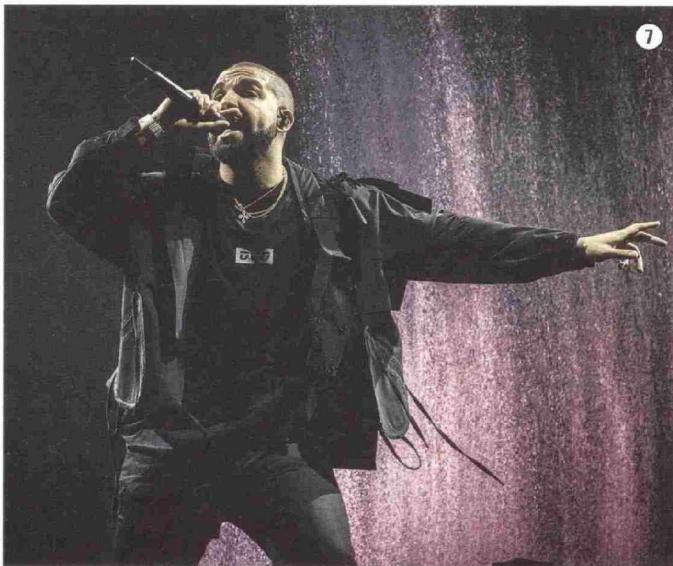
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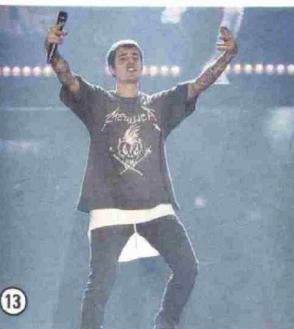
8. **MARIAH CAREY** was mortified after a botched performance during Dick Clark's New Year's Rockin' Eve in Times Square. She was accused of lip-syncing, but claimed that malfunctioning earpieces were at fault.



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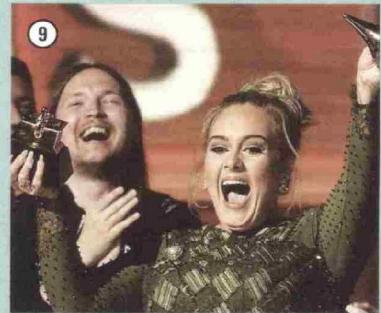


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11. **ARIANA GRANDE** won AMA's Artist of the Year, and her single, "Dangerous Woman," was named Choice Music Single at the Teen Choice Awards. 12. **ZAYN**, former member of popular boy band One Direction, won awards for his solo work including the AMA's New Artist of the Year and Teen Choice Award's Choice Music Breakout Artist. 13. **JUSTIN BIEBER**'s single, "Sorry," won an AMA for Video of the Year and the Teen Choice Award for Choice Music Single. Bieber was chosen as Favorite Male Artist at both events, and his album, *Purpose*, earned Favorite Pop/Rock Album at the AMAs. 14. **DNCE**, the funk pop band led by former Jonas Brother, Joe, won MTV's VMA for Best New Artist.



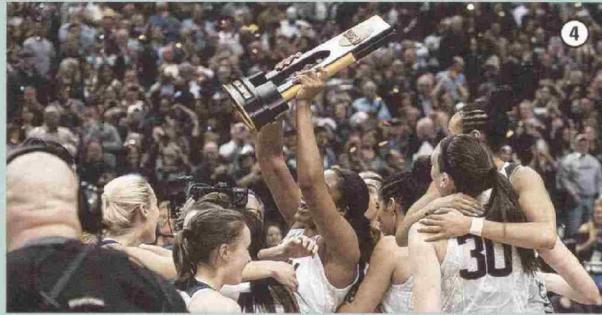
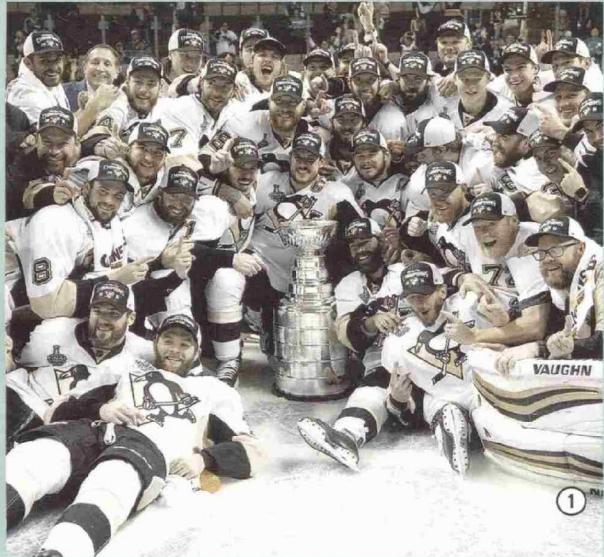
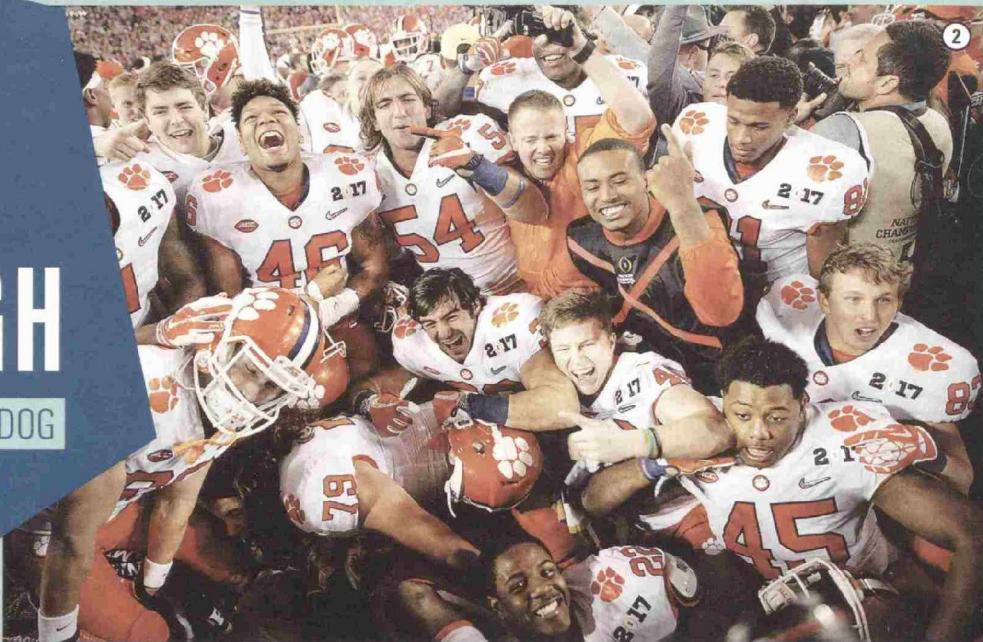
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IN SPORTS, CLOSE ISN'T GOOD ENOUGH

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TRIUMPHS – WE SAW IT ALL.



1. LED BY CAPTAIN SIDNEY CROSBY, the Pittsburgh Penguins won their fourth Stanley Cup Championship against the San Jose Sharks in Game 6 — their first title win since 2009. **2. THE CLEMSON TIGERS** battled the Alabama Crimson Tide and clinched the College Football Playoff

National Championship with a last-second touchdown by Hunter Renfrow and a final score of 35-31. **3. BRITTANY LANG** won her first major title at the 71st U.S. Women's Open Golf championship over Sweden's Anna Nordqvist. **4. THE CONNECTICUT HUSKIES** women's basketball team won their fourth consecutive NCAA championship, defeating Syracuse 82-51. Their 104-game winning streak set a new NCAA record.

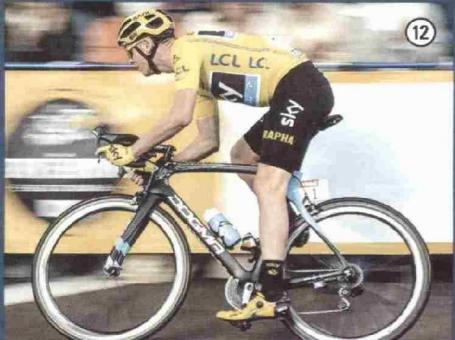
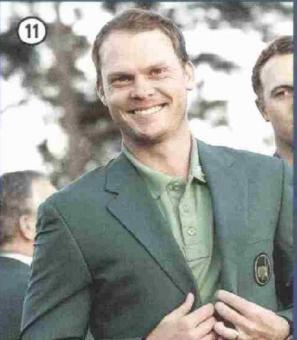
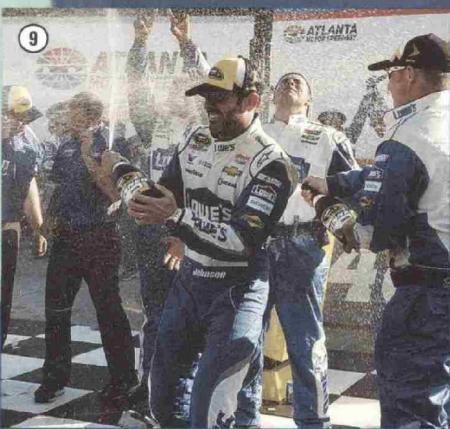
5. SERENA WILLIAMS broke the record of Grand Slam titles bringing her total to 23 after defeating Angelique Kerber for her seventh Wimbledon victory, and beating her sister, Venus during the Australian Open in January. **6. LEBRON JAMES** led the Cleveland Cavaliers to a championship title with a 93-89 win over the Golden State Warriors in Game 7 of the NBA finals. **7. THE NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** defeated the Atlanta Falcons in

Super Bowl LI, 34-28 after they tied it up in the last minute with the first comeback of more than 10 points in Super Bowl history. They sent the game into overtime, and four-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady and

Coach Bill Belichick became the first quarterback and coach to win five Super Bowls. **8. THE CHICAGO CUBS** beat the Cleveland Indians 8-7 in Game 7 of the World Series to win their first championship since 1908.

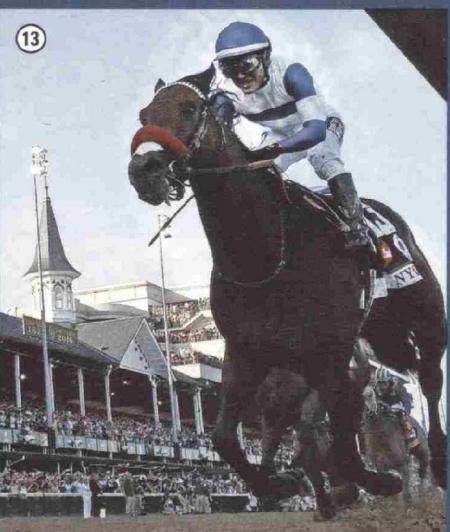
START TO FINISH

9. **NASCAR DRIVER NO. 48** Jimmie Johnson celebrated his record-tying seventh Sprint Cup championship at Homestead-Miami Speedway. 10. **KURT BUSCH** won his first career Daytona 500 in a last-lap pass around Kyle Larson and Chase Elliott.

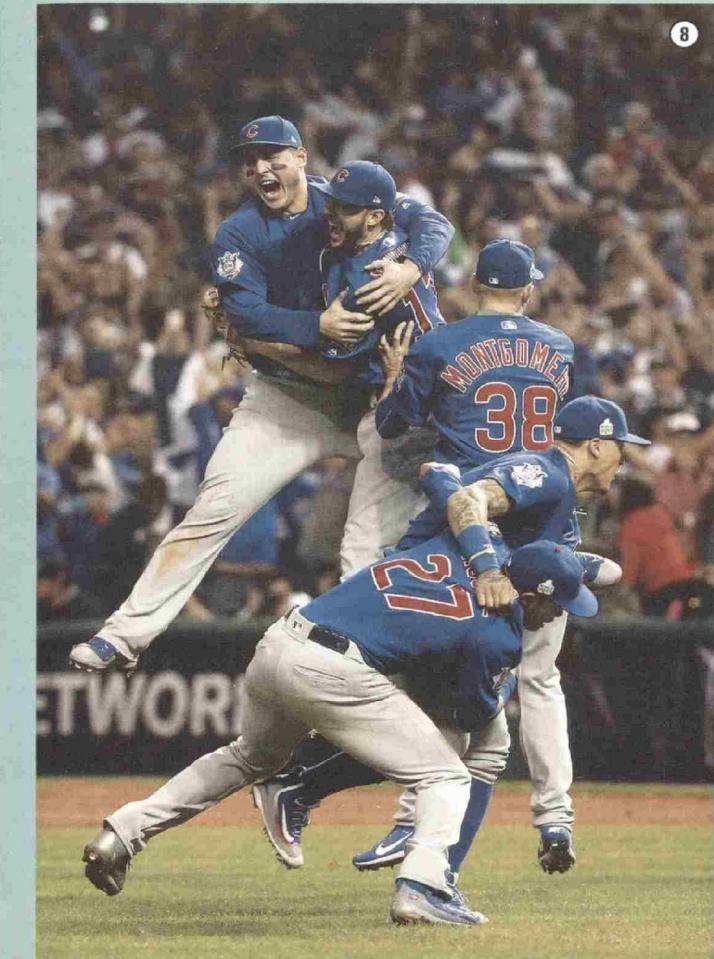


GLOBAL WINS

11. **BRITISH GOLFER** Danny Willett won his first major championship and earned a green jacket at the 80th edition of the Masters Tournament in Augusta, Georgia in April 2016. 12. **198 RIDERS** raced in the 103rd Tour de France in July; Chris Froome of Great Britain and of Team Sky, came in first place, making it his third Tour win.



13. **NYQUIST AND JOCKEY** Mario Gutierrez won the 142nd Kentucky Derby in May 2016, defeating horses Exaggerator and Gun Runner, who finished in second and third places.



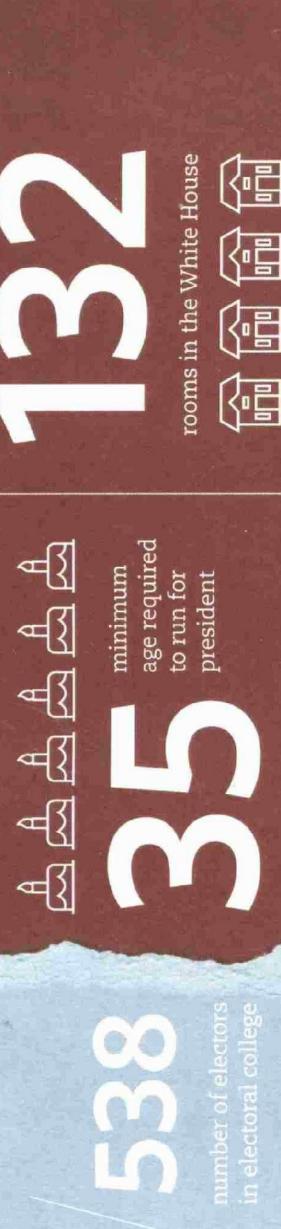
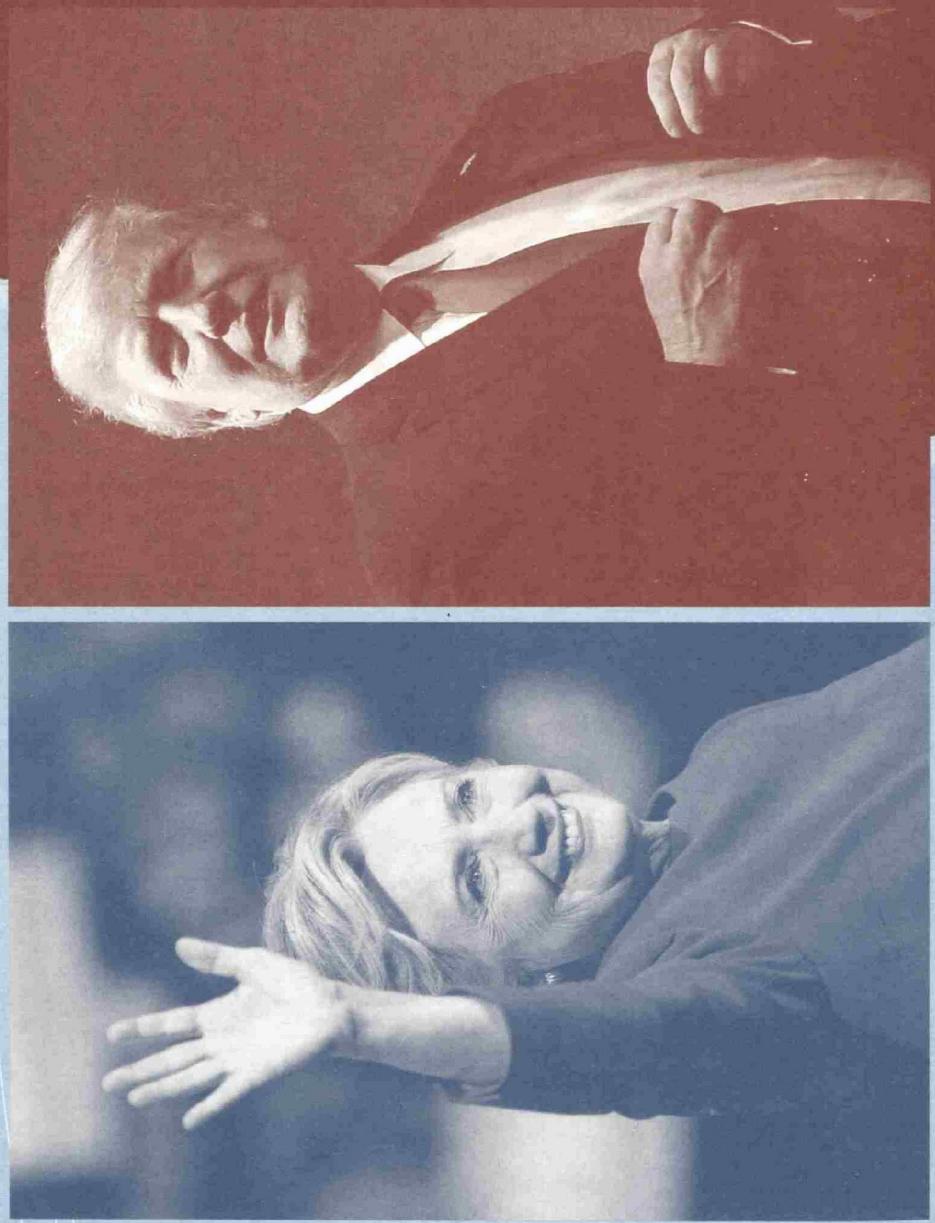
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ERA OF VARIED OPINION & VAST DIVIDE

THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION was a particularly unusual political journey from the beginning.

Seventeen major Republican candidates entered the race in early 2015, making it the largest presidential primary field for any political party in American history.

By May 3, only three of those Republican candidates remained: Donald Trump, Ted Cruz and John Kasich. Trump became the presumptive nominee on May 4, and, on July 15, officially announced via Twitter that Mike Pence was his chosen running mate.

On the other side, opinion polls predicted Hillary Clinton as the front-runner Democratic presidential nominee: she was up against Bernie Sanders, Martin O'Malley and Lincoln Chafee. Clinton and Sanders took turns winning important caucuses and primaries, but on July 12, Sanders withdrew and officially announced his endorsement of Clinton.

On July 22, she announced Tim Kaine as her running mate. Both Trump and Clinton were formally nominated during the respective Republican National Convention in Cleveland, Ohio from July 18-21 and the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from July 25-28.

Clinton focused on raising middle class incomes and women's rights, while Trump focused on sizable income tax cuts, illegal immigration and the repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The two discussed these issues, and more, at the first of three presidential debates on September 3, which became the most-watched debate in American history, with more than 80 million viewers.

On Nov. 8, 2016 Trump became president-elect with 306 electoral votes. Republicans maintained control of the Senate and House of Representatives.

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DONALD J. TRUMP, 45TH PRESIDENT OF THE US

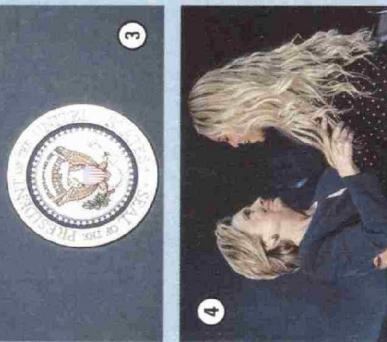
1. CLINTON SUPPORTERS watched closely and waited on election night as the number of electoral votes continued to favor Trump.
2. TRUMP SUPPORTERS celebrated at the New York Hilton Midtown as results were broadcast worldwide.



3. FORMER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA delivered his farewell speech on Jan. 10 in Chicago. During the televised address, the crowd cheered, "Four more years!" and at one point, Obama became teary-eyed while thinking of wife Michelle, in a touching and emotional moment.

4. BEYONCÉ AND JAY-Z officially endorsed Democratic nominee Clinton at the "Get Out the Vote" concert in Cleveland, Ohio on Nov. 4.

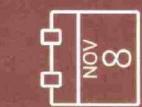
5. THE DAY AFTER THE INAUGURATION millions of women and men worldwide marched to take a stance on prominent political discussions, especially those of women's rights. These marches and demonstrations eventually led to even greater conversations around how important of a civil responsibility it is to vote.



6. BETSY DEVOS became the 11th Secretary of Education after a 50-50 tie in the Senate was resolved by a tie-breaking vote cast by Vice President Pence. This was the first time the vice president was called upon to break a tie for a presidential cabinet position.
7. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE attended the 58th presidential inauguration of President Trump and Vice President Pence on Jan. 20, 2017.
8. PROTESTS ensued throughout the country after the inauguration. Some turned violent as protesters gathered alongside his supporters at Trump Towers in New York and Chicago and chants rang throughout that stated "Not my president!"

DID YOU KNOW?
Hillary Clinton was the first female presidential nominee of a major U.S. political party.

DID YOU KNOW?
American astronauts on the International Space Station (ISS) can vote from space via satellite email.



DID YOU KNOW?
Donald Trump was the first president to be elected without previously holding a political office.



DID YOU KNOW?
The presidential election is held every four years on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

THE YEAR IN ENTERTAINMENT

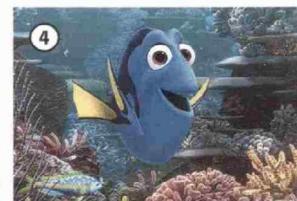
BROKEN RECORDS, BEGINNINGS,
ENDS AND ANTICIPATED RETURNS.

1. **LA LA LAND**, the musical film starring Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone, won several Golden Globe awards including Best Picture, Comedy or Musical and Best Performance by an Actor and Actress, Comedy or Musical. It also won five Oscars for Actress in a Leading Role, Directing, Music (Original Score), Music (Original Song) and Production Design.

2. **RYAN REYNOLDS**, alongside his wife Blake Lively and two daughters, was honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. 3. **THE CROWN**, a Netflix series, was awarded Golden Globe's Best Series, Drama, and Claire Foy, who played Queen Elizabeth in the show, won Best Actress, Drama. 4. **FINDING DORY**, the sequel to *Finding Nemo*, grossed \$1.027 billion worldwide and was the highest-grossing PG movie ever in the United States. 5. **GAME OF THRONES** broke the record for the number of Emmy awards won by a fictional series. 6. **PRETTY LITTLE LIARS** ended after seven seasons, and earned six Teen Choice Awards including Choice TV Show, Drama. 7. **FULLER HOUSE** won a Teen Choice Award for Choice TV Show Comedy and Choice TV Actor for Candace Cameron Bure's role as DJ, as well as a People's Choice Award for Favorite Premium Comedy Series.



RECORD-BREAKING
MUSICAL AT THE
74TH GOLDEN
GLOBE AWARDS



TOP GAMES OF 2016

1. "CALL OF DUTY: INFINITE WARFARE"
2. "BATTLEFIELD 1"
3. "TOM CLANCY'S THE DIVISION"
4. "NBA 2K17"
5. "MADDEN NFL 17"

*Gamespot.com

TOP TV OF 2016

1. *GAME OF THRONES*
2. *THE WALKING DEAD*
3. *PRETTY LITTLE LIARS*
4. *WESTWORLD*
5. *THE FLASH*

*Business Insider

TOP MOVIES OF 2016

1. *ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY*
2. *FINDING DORY*
3. *CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR*
4. *THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS*
5. *THE JUNGLE BOOK*

*Boxofficemojo.com

TOP BOOKS OF 2016

1. *SALT TO THE SEA* – BY RUTA SEPETYS
2. *THE PROBLEM WITH FOREVER* – BY J. ARMENTROUT
3. *THE SUN IS ALSO A STAR* – BY NICOLA YOON
4. *A THOUSAND BOY KISSES* – BY TILLIE COLE
5. *UNEXPECTED EVERYTHING* – BY MORGAN MATSON

*Goodreads Choice Awards, Best Young Adult Fiction

GAMING BROUGHT TO LIFE IN REAL TIME



8. POKÉMON GO was downloaded hundreds of millions of times and allowed players the chance to capture Pokémon creatures as they popped up in real life on their phones' screens.



9. HATCHIMALS were the toys to find during the holiday season. The mechanical creatures arrived in an egg, hatched and eventually would evolve to reveal different games and interactions.

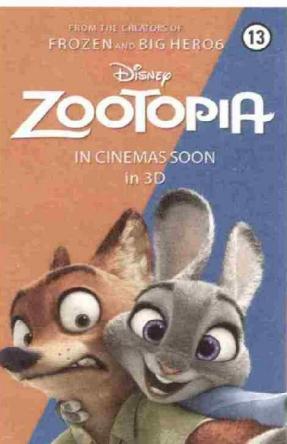


10. POPULAR VIRTUAL REALITY headsets like Oculus Rift, PlayStation VR, Samsung Gear VR and the HTC Vive revolutionized gaming and entertainment with mind-blowing 3D experiences.

RED CARPET REVELRIES



11. MOONLIGHT won Best Picture at the Oscars after *La La Land* was mistakenly presented the award, and Mahershala Ali, *Moonlight*'s Juan, won Actor in a Supporting Role. The film also won Best Motion Picture - Drama at the Golden Globes. **12. VIOLA DAVIS** became the first African American actress to win an Oscar, Emmy and Tony after winning Actress in a Supporting Role for *Fences*. **13. ZOOTOPIA** won the Academy Award for Animated Feature Film.



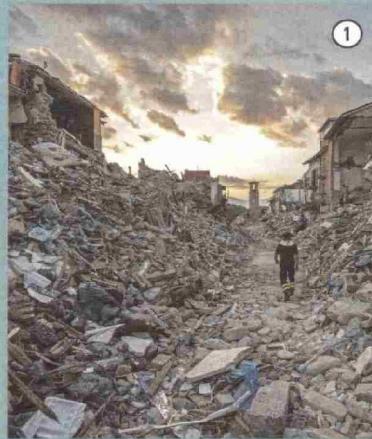
14. ELLEN DEGENERES was awarded America's highest civilian honor, the Medal of Freedom, by then President Barack Obama in November. Obama praised the daytime talk show host and comedian for her bravery and courage and said that it helped "push our country in the direction of justice." **15. TRENTHARMON** beat out fellow Mississippi native LaPorsha Renae to become *American Idol*'s 15th and final winner in the show's last season on air. Harmon was Yahoo Music's ninth-most-popular artist of the year, proving that, despite the show's declining ratings, it had a strong following up until the end.

**LEADERS BY DAY,
WINNERS BY NIGHT**

1. A 6.2 MAGNITUDE EARTHQUAKE

struck mountain communities in central Italy near Norcia in August, killing more than 247 people. **2. RESIDENTS WERE WARNED** of possible tsunamis after a 7.4 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of Fukushima, Japan, the same location a 9.0 magnitude quake hit in 2011.

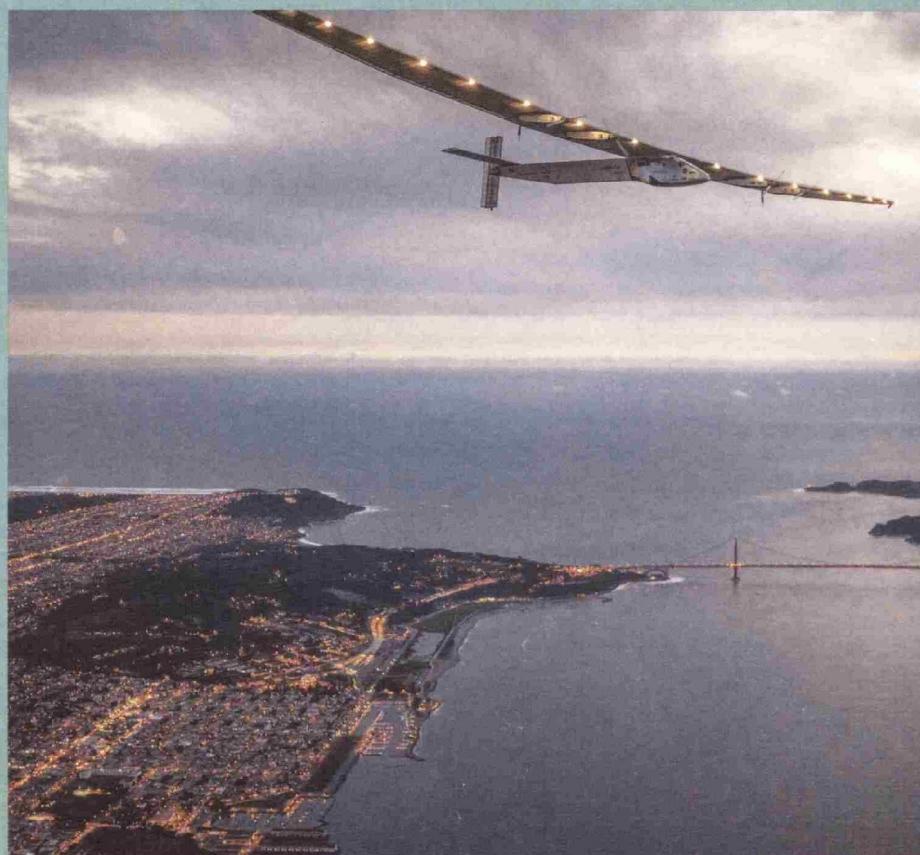
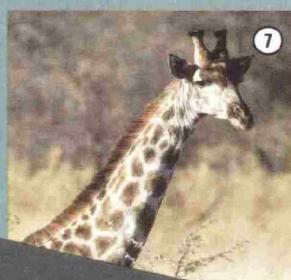
3. COASTAL ECUADOR was hit with a 7.8 magnitude earthquake in April, causing more than 650 casualties and thousands of injuries predominantly in the towns of Manta, Portoviejo and Pedernales.



ITALY, JAPAN, ECUADOR: SHAKEN WITH TRAGEDY

4. EMV CARDS, commonly referred to as "credit card chips," continued to become the standard due to their ability to reduce counterfeit fraud; there was a 43% drop in credit card fraud compared to a year earlier.

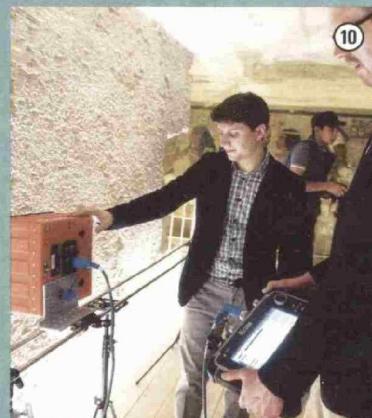
5. USING THE DNA OF THREE ADULTS, a child was born after an American doctor performed a mitochondrial transfer in hopes of allowing a couple to finally have a healthy child. **6. THE COST OF EPIPENS** was deemed unethical in court after it increased from \$100 to \$608. **7. SCIENTISTS DISCOVERED** that there are actually four different species of giraffes: the southern giraffe, Masai giraffe, reticulated giraffe and northern giraffe, all of which look similar in appearance. **8. THE SOLAR IMPULSE 2** completed the first solar-powered flight around the world when it landed in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, where the journey first began.



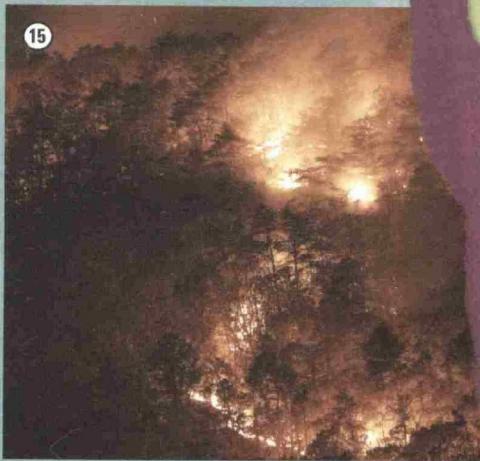
DISCOVERY. DEBACLE. MOMENTUM.

THE YEAR REVEALED ADVANCEMENT,

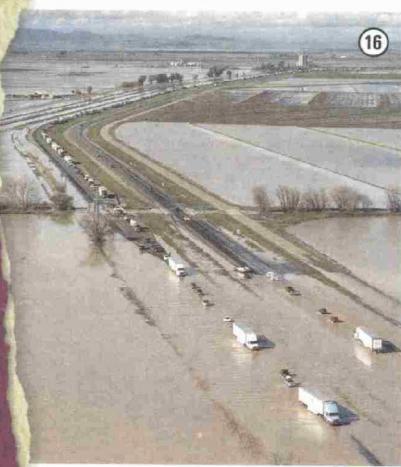
WONDER, SURPRISE AND MORE.



FIRE & RAIN



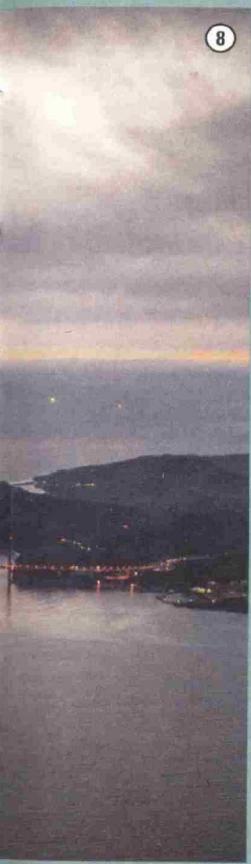
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15. WILFIRES RAGED through parts of North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee in November, burning more than 90,000 acres.

16. UNCHARACTERISTIC AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL in California helped reduce long-term extreme droughts. Although much-needed for such conditions, the rain delivered a new crisis of flooding, causing residents of many regions to evacuate.



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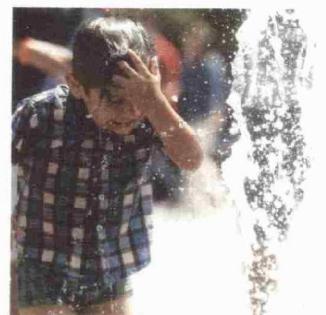


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9. SEVEN SPECIES OF YELLOW-FACED BEES native to Hawaii were the first bees to be protected under the Endangered Species Act. 10. SCANS OF KING TUT'S TOMB revealed two hidden rooms that were speculated to hold the remains of Queen Nefertiti. 11. 1,284 NEW PLANETS were discovered by NASA's Kepler Space Telescope, making it the largest discovery of new planets in history. 12. JANUARY'S WINTER STORM JONAS delivered the heaviest snowfall on record in New York City at 27.5 inches, while cities between there and Washington D.C. neared record totals. 13. THE ALS ASSOCIATION credited the Ice Bucket Challenge and its money-raising efforts in funding the discovery of a gene's connection to the disease. 14. RADIOCARBON DATING on the eyeball lenses of Greenland sharks led scientists to believe that the species can live to be nearly 400 years old, making it the oldest vertebrate known to science.

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WORLDWIDE HEAT WAVE; RECORD-BREAKING TEMPS



RECORD TEMPERATURES were reached globally in the month of July — and it wasn't just the warmest July, but the warmest of any month on record dating back to the 1800s. It beat out the previous warmest month on record, which occurred in 2015. Britain experienced an unusually high temperature of 89.6° F in September, a temperature not reached since 1949. In August, New York's heat index reached 105° F, which led Mayor Bill de Blasio to issue an excessive heat warning. Similar warnings throughout the world were not uncommon: China issued a yellow weather alert in regards to the heat and Chile did the same.

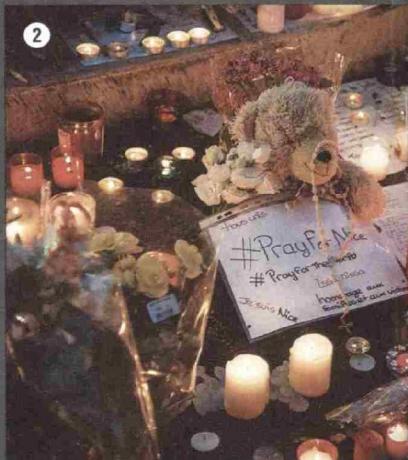
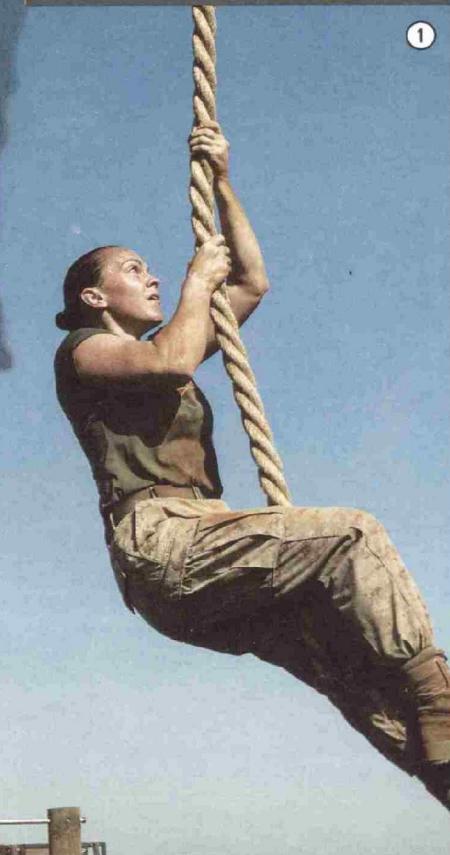
SHIFTING GROUND AND STANDING ROCK

WIDE OPPOSITION OF THE DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE LED TO DISORDER.

THERE ARE TWO SIDES to every story. This time, the battle was over the Dakota Access Pipeline that would transport oil from the Bakken oil fields of North Dakota to the plains of Illinois — if only its last mile and a half of 1,700 miles could be completed. The center of opposition was the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, who occupied land near the development site. Thousands of protesters and many Native American tribes also opposed the project. Energy Transfer Partners claimed the construction of the pipeline would lead to greater

economic development, as well as increased safety and efficiency, but the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe argued the development would destroy ancestral land, threaten their water supply and be an overall burden to residents of the tribe. Environmental activists named more consequences, such as man-made climate change, should construction of the pipeline move forward. Following the lengthy battle,

President Donald Trump signed executive orders that advanced approval of the pipeline only four days following his inauguration.



1. **THE SENATE** passed a \$602 billion defense bill which included an amendment that would require women to register for the military draft for the first time in history.
2. **A TRUCK PLOWED** through a crowd on Bastille Day in Nice, France, killing 86 people and injuring hundreds more. ISIS later claimed responsibility for the incident.
3. **THE DECREASED VALUE** of Venezuela's bolívar resulted in the country's deep recession, a decline in exports and an extreme shortage of food and supplies.
4. **IRAQI, KURDISH AND ALLIED FORCES** began an operation to retake the city of Mosul from the Islamic State, which gained control in June 2014. The forces advanced into the city just two weeks into the campaign.
5. **THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT** announced the redesign of some U.S. currency, including the \$20 bill on which abolitionist Harriet Tubman would replace Andrew Jackson.
6. **WELLS FARGO CEO JOHN STUMPF** resigned after millions of fake accounts were uncovered from as far back as 2011, allowing employees to boost sales figures. More than 5,300 employees were fired and the company was fined \$185 million, in addition to the \$5 million they were required to refund to customers.



7. THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL, the agreement between the United States and Iran that essentially blocked Iran's access to nuclear weapons and increased visibility into their nuclear activity, looked successful a year after it was implemented. **8. THE UNITED KINGDOM** voted 52% to 48% to leave the EU in a referendum in June called "Brexit" meaning "British exit." The majority in both England and Wales voted to leave, while the majority in Scotland and Northern Ireland voted to remain. The terms of the exit would have to be agreed upon by 27 different parliaments, so some believed the actual process would take years to complete.

9. A GENETICALLY MODIFIED MOSQUITO was developed by British company Oxitect, to fight the Zika virus, and was confirmed by the FDA to cause no significant impact on human health or the environment. The OX513A male *Aedes aegypti* mosquito was engineered to pass along a lethal gene to wild female mosquitoes that would cause their offspring to die. **10. THEN PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA** spoke at the September opening ceremony of The National Museum of African American History and Culture situated on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The museum spanned 400,000 square feet and held more than 36,000 artifacts.



TRANSITIONS IN LEADERSHIP



11. BRAZIL'S SENATE voted 61-20 to impeach their first female president, Dilma Rousseff in August on charges of manipulating the federal budget. **12. CUBA'S FORMER LEADER** Fidel Castro passed away at age 90. He took power during 1959 and led the country for nearly 50 years.

13. THERESA MAY became Britain's prime minister in July, and committed to helping the underprivileged and fighting injustice. **14. ITALY'S PRIME MINISTER** Matteo Renzi, announced his resignation after voters rejected constitutional changes that amounted to a referendum on the prime minister's government.

TECHNOLOGY, TAKE NOTE



1. APPLE released its iPhone 7, which broke many performance records. They also introduced Apple AirPods, their \$159 wireless headphones. **2. MORE THAN 100 REPORTS** of overheating and exploding Samsung Galaxy Note 7s, due to a battery cell issue, caused the phones to be recalled and even banned from airline flights.

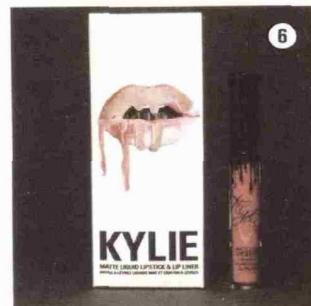
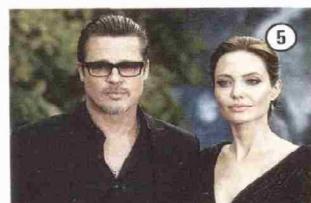
3. AMAZON'S ALEXA gained attention at the 2016 Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. Artificial intelligence was integrated into many devices, and even made news when a 6-year-old girl instructed Alexa to purchase a \$160 dollhouse and cookies — and she did just that.

KEEPING UP

4. GIGI HADID revealed her Mattel Barbie lookalike in February just before the Tommy X Gigi Runway show. **5. POPULAR HOLLYWOOD COUPLE**

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie split after Jolie filed for divorce in September, just over two years since the pair wed. **6. KYLIE**

JENNER'S "Kylie Lip Kit" was the product on every makeup lover's lips in 2016. The brand's website experienced extremely high traffic as the products sold out almost instantaneously and continued to do so following several restocks.



DID YOU HEAR? EVERYONE WAS TALKING ABOUT IT.



OH, AND ONE MORE THING

A QUICK RECAP OF THE VIRAL STORIES THAT FILLED YOUR NEWS FEEDS.



7. THE RINGLING BROS. AND BARNUM & BAILEY CIRCUS announced plans to close after more than 100 years in operation, due to high operating costs and declining ticket sales.

8. CANDACE PAYNE, also known as Chewbacca Mom, livestreamed a video of a Star Wars Chewbacca mask she purchased from Kohls. The post went viral with more than 105 million views just three days later. **9. THE MANNEQUIN CHALLENGE** was a viral video trend that involved groups of people gathering and freezing in elaborate poses while one person filmed the scene focusing on certain details.

10. SNAPCHAT FILTERS continued to entertain the app's 158 million users — so much so, that Pinterest searches of "Snapchat filter Halloween costumes" were up 1,500% from 2015. **11. WENDY'S** posted an innocent Tweet reading: "Our beef is way too cool to ever be frozen," and received a snarky reply from a follower that led to a comical viral exchange. **12. NEW**

FACEBOOK REACTION EMOJIS allowed users to be more expressive without commenting. Facebookers were able to react to posts with laughter and emotions of love, shock, sadness and anger.

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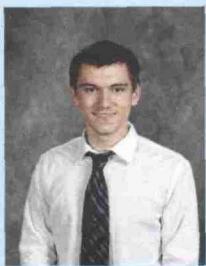
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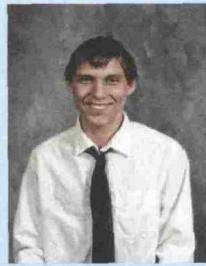
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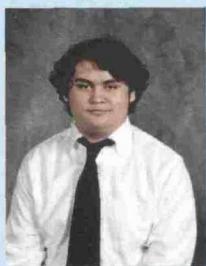
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Class of 2017

Due to a technological error these seniors were left out of the original senior section.
We are thankful that these seniors are able to be in the book albeit in a different part of it.

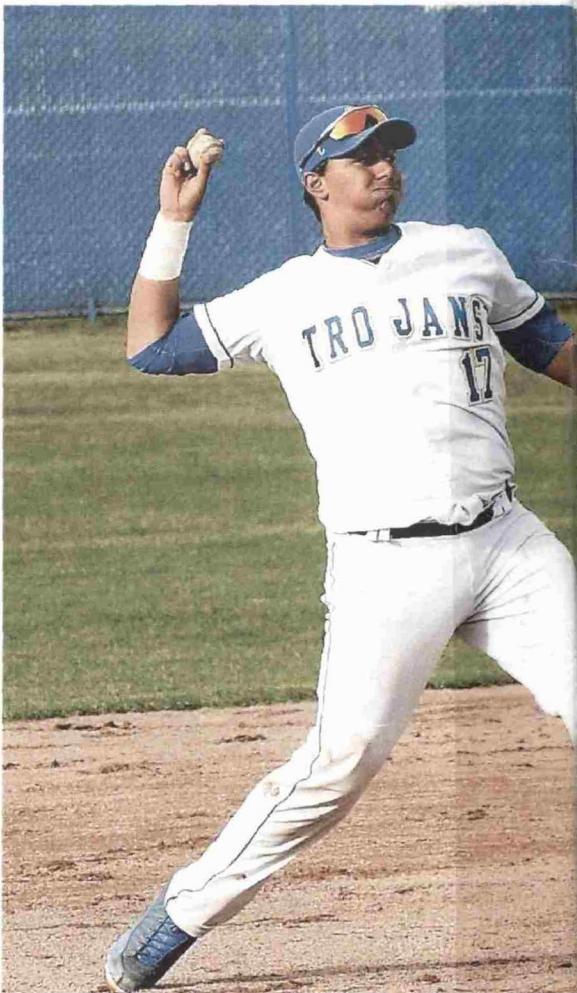
Post Season Honors

Steven Fowler

Second Baseman
Post Tribune 2017
All-Area First Team

Trying to prevent runners from advancing, Arick Casiano (11) threw the ball to his cut off man.

While trying to place the perfect bunt, Steven Fowler (11) executed the signal correctly.



Damen Castillo

Third Baseman
Post Tribune 2017
All-Area Second Team

With a steady hand, third baseman Damen Castillo (10) lined up to connect a throw to first base to complete the out. **Focusing on the** ground ball, shortstop Jack Holl (12) did his best to field the ball that was hit in his direction.

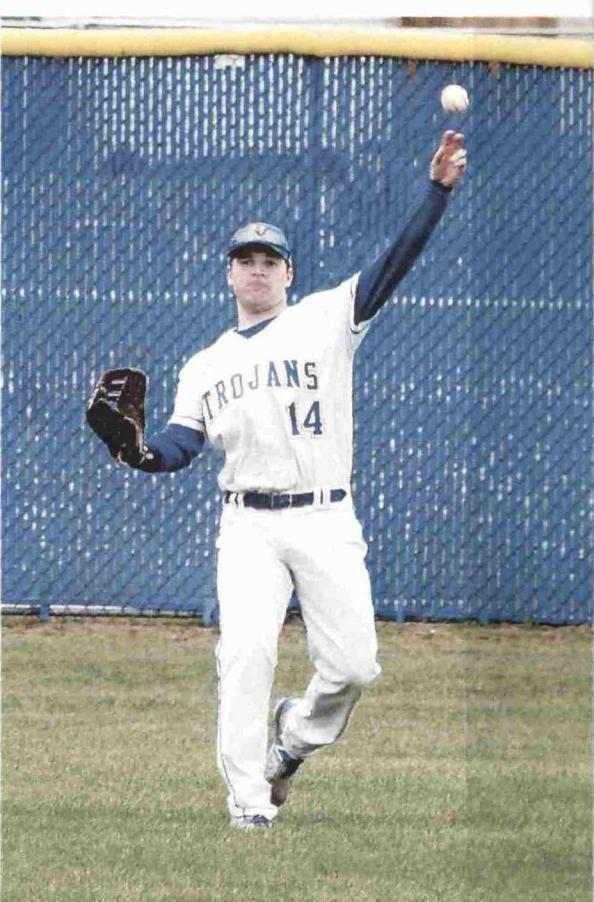
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Pitcher
Post Tribune 2017
All-Area Honorable Mention

Don't Beat Ourselves

With the crowd applauding, outfielder Patrick Manyek (12) caught a fly ball while playing center field.

Keeping up with the pitch, catcher Nick Anderson (11) jumped to stop the ball. **In search of** playing, Anthony Reid (9) contributed on all three levels of play.



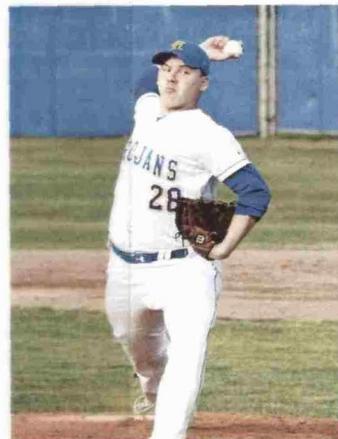
Coach John Bogner

Head Coach
Post Tribune 2017
Coach of the Year

Baseball Lives Here

Everything from long toss in the fall to time in cages in the winter led this season to a twenty win season in the spring. For the first time since 2009, Coach John Bogner, in his fourth season as head coach, commended his seniors for a job well done. "Our goal this year was to not beat ourselves. We were able to bounce back from a loss, and did not allow ourselves to not lose two in a row," Bogner said. With high expectations in the batters box, Damen Castillo (11) hitting 36 RBIs and two home runs proved to be a key factor in the success. In addition, Steven Fowler (11) not committing a single error at second base helped round out success found on the field for the Trojans. Senior leadership in Patrick Manyek (12) in center field and Christopher Manyek (12) even after a sidelining injury boosted moral to push the team towards success. Beating Andrean was pivotal, but taking down Munster three times in a season was memorable. To make it even better, the Trojans ten-runned the Mustangs, two of three victories. This great season came to an end in the final round of sectionals against the Lake Central Indians. This 21-8 finish was one that will be the bar to pass as baseball continues to live here.

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In hopes of getting a hit, Corey Kijurna (12) stood at the plate. Pumped up to pitch, Brad Spellings (11) pitched a solid inning of baseball. To ensure solid base running, Anthony Gibson (12) maintained his distance from the bag. Carefully placing the ball in his hand, Trevor O'Donnell (12) prepared to release the ball. Dressed up for a great season, the freshmen team finished with a 17-4 record.

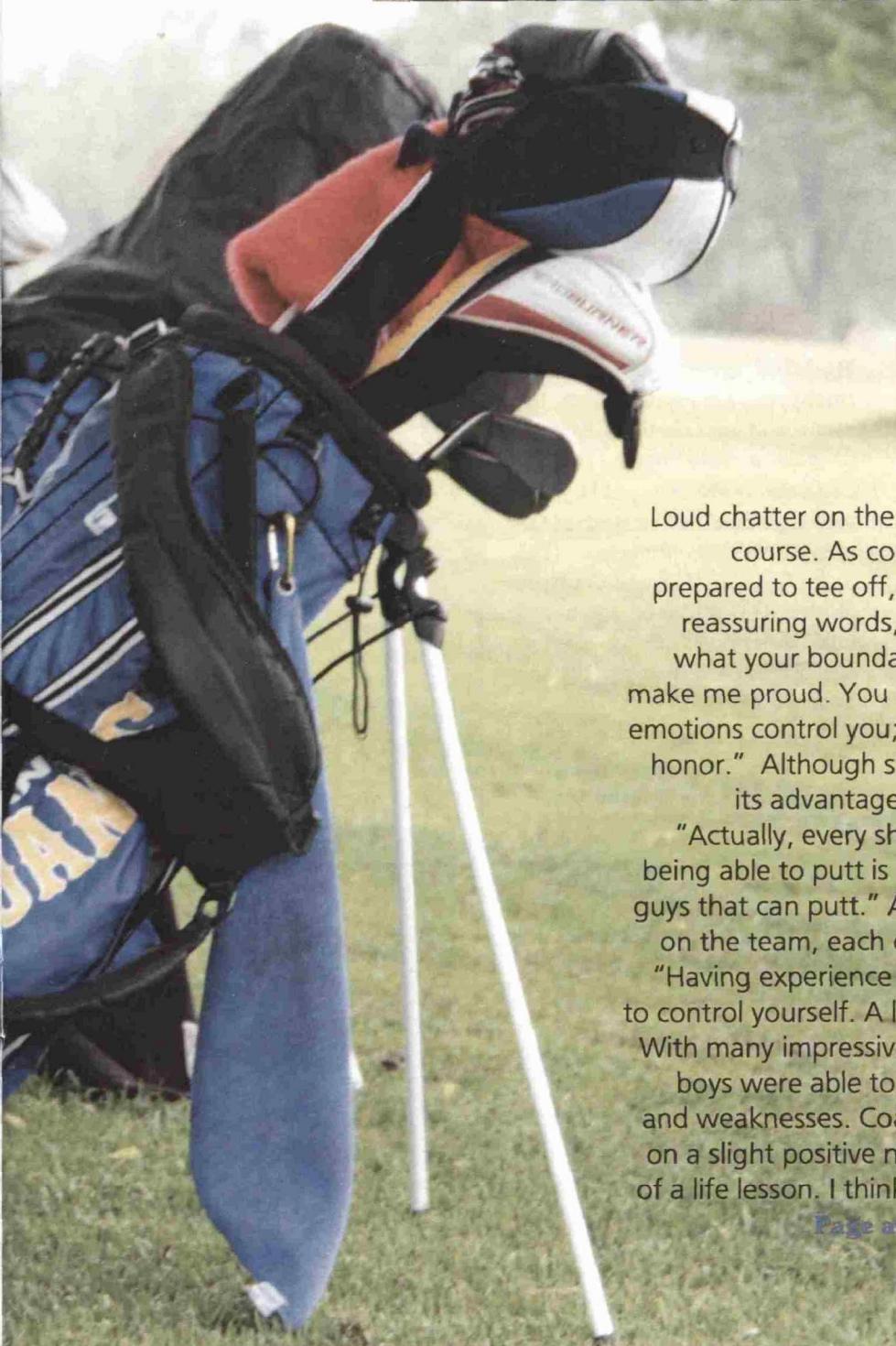


Racing away from his teammates, Joshua Krull (10) hastily sprinted toward the course with his bag slung over his shoulder. **In between practicing** with his team, Mason Gluth (11) took a quick break to check his phone. **Flipping through the score cards**, Coach Daniel Richardson and the junior varsity team gathered during a match. **Squatting low** to the ground of the course, Kodie Wilson (11) fiddled with the ball marker. **In stride with the opponent**, Kolin Palmer (12) walked to the next hole with club in hand. **With a look of concentration**, Hunter Houchin (11) followed through with his swing and watched his golf



With a smile on their faces, Coach Richardson and Frederick Kepler (10) giggled as they discussed a strategy for approaching the next hole as Kepler advanced into post season competition. **With a watchful eye**, Kodie Wilson (11) craned his neck to follow where his ball landed.

Exhaustion fills the face of Alexander Fitt (12) as he carried his bag and hiked to tee 4.



Iron Men

Golf: Our favorite course

Loud chatter on the bus foiled with the silence on the golf course. As concentration filled the boys before they prepared to tee off, Coach Richardson always gave a few reassuring words, "Play your game... you need to know what your boundaries are, and you don't have to win to make me proud. You must learn to control emotions not let emotions control you; you have to be honest, it's a game of honor." Although starting off on the right foot does have its advantages, but it did not make or break a shot.

"Actually, every shot is important. However short game, being able to putt is important. Who wins the money? The guys that can putt." All the boys held their own importance on the team, each one with their own special set of skills.

"Having experience under pressure is important, you have to control yourself. A lot of times golf is an individual sport." With many impressive matches throughout the season, the boys were able to learn more about their own strengths and weaknesses. Coach Richardson finished off the season on a slight positive note, "learning to tolerate a loss is kind of a life lesson. I think there are a lot of life lessons in golf."

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Boys Golf

THIRTY YEARS IN THE MAKING

"It's awesome, but it's not me, it's the girls. They work so hard and want to win. They had great team chemistry and great leadership from our two seniors. They deserved all the success that they had this year."

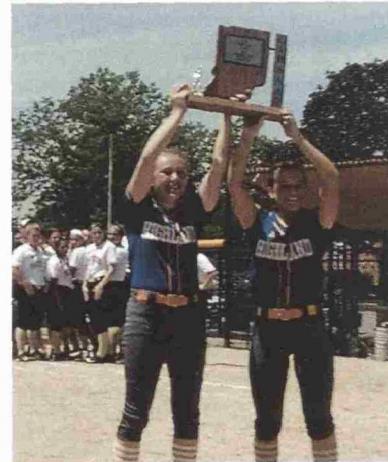
- Coach Sarah Funston

**Nicole
Czarnecki
(11)**

"This season we pulled something off no one thought we could. We doubled our wins since last year, ending the year with 20 wins. It's still unreal but it's an incredible feeling."

**Felicity
Plant
(10)**

"Being a part of the winning sectional team was the highlight of my sophomore season. Elizabeth Hoffman's (12) positive leadership helped inspire the team during this season."



Huddled around the sectional trophy, the girls softball team felt excitement after beating Griffith 1-0 with a solo home run by Courtney Morton (11). **In anticipation of** the start of the game, Morgan Rinkema (10), Sydni Gyzynski (11), and Courtney Morton (11) gathered for a pep talk. **Surrounded in glory**, seniors, Danielle Fowler (12) and Elizabeth Hoffman (12) raised the sectional trophy for the entire crowd of fans to see.



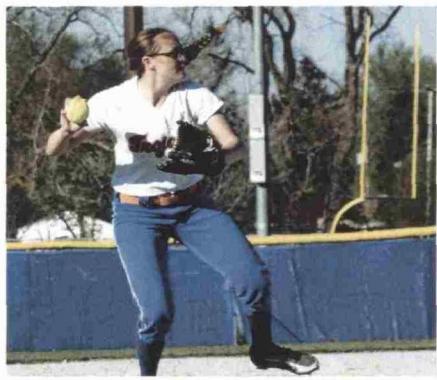
Sporting her new position this season, Jacey Bertalan (11) played tough defense and led the team with home runs. **With her eyes on the** pitcher, Garran Grider (9) watched from the on deck circle to prepare for her at bat.



Moved

From 4A to 3A Sectionals

When the state announced that the Lady Trojans would make a move to a different sectional last spring, mindsets were changed: changed to win, changed to bring back a championship. Coach Sarah Funston, in her fourth year as head coach, developed confidence, skill, and a drive for a title. Funston credits the girls for their ambition to excel this season. Falling behind Munster in conference



Capturing the attention of the area, Elizabeth Hoffman (12) held her own on the mound. **To gain the necessary** out, Olivia Gibson (9) threw the ball. **In an effort to** secure the out, Jamie Gessler (10) reached for the tag on the runner.



provided an even bigger push for post season's success. With only four conference losses, the team still wanted more. Heading into a new sectional just down the bike path with spot-on pitching from Elizabeth Hoffman (12) and intense batting from Jacey Bertalan (11), the Lady Trojans came out with the trophy after thirty long years. Although regionals were a disappointing loss to Kankakee Valley, ending the season 20-9 is nothing to be sad about. **Page by:** David Mendoza **Photos by:** Zoe Kim, Matthew Mendoza, Ms. Sherri Ralph **Other Photos Provided by:** Patrick Ohaver and Inter State Studio



Searching for a hole in the outfield, Destiny Ruiz (9) took a powerful swing to secure a spot on base. **Reaching for the ball**, Morgan Rinkema (10) dove in center field to prevent a runner from advancing.



With a steady hand Elena Figueroa (9) prepared for the release of the pitch.

To add a little fun to her season, Felicity Plant (10) was able to play at the junior varsity and varsity level.

Staying one step ahead of the pitch, typical Highland helmet, Jordyn Dooley (10) wore one airbrushed with 'Wheels.'



Love for the Game

Pride in Every Serve



Aggressively reaching for the ball on the court, Kathleen Doolittle (12) was deeply engaged and focused during a doubles tournament with her partner, Megan McCarty (12).

"Our team slogan is unique: 'Coach, I can't come to the match tomorrow. I have to go to a birthday party.' It's on the back of their shirts."
- Coach Terry Steenson



Every set and serve began a new game for the dedicated members on the girls tennis team. Practices were filled with goals and accomplishments teammates wished to fulfill by the end of the season. With the extra work put in on and off the court, the team was able to improve their abilities, which resulted in a successful season for everyone. Coach Terry Steenson said, "We improved from 4-12 to 9-7 this year. We also increased the size of our roster by twelve players this season." The competitive doubles team ended with 5-0 Calumet and 0-5 Munster. This years team focused on more than winning at meets, they were determined to put everything they had on the court. The season brought the players victory, improvement, and a chance to build a bond that wasn't just as friends, but as a family. **Page By: Samantha Colbert Photos By: Zoe Kim**

With their eyes glued to the ball, Katelyn Bedka (10) stretched high to continue the game going for a win. **Concentrating on the serve** she would make toward her opponent, Morgan Salazar (11) took time to focus before making a confident serve.



Practice makes perfect for Jennifer Sheehan (11) who had prepared herself to work hard during the meet. **With arms outstretched** Berenice Iniguez (12) steadied her eyes on the ball to make a perfect pass. **Forcefully swinging** her racket Megan McCarty (12) maneuvered to give her best effort on the court.

With a look of determination, Erica Felix (10) worked hard during practices to ensure her preparation against opponents. **In the midst of** playing on the court, Lauren Frick (12) was ready with racket in hand to use skills acquired during practices.

More Than Diligence

"We switched the line up around, which was scary at the beginning but ended up benefiting us in the end. The outcome of the season would be different if we didn't all work as hard and support each other. I don't think we would have been as successful."

- Danielle Hernandez (11)

"I think those who plan on doing tennis should go to summer conditioning and sign up for lessons at Match Point or they could ask the varsity players. It would really help players if they need extra help."

- Katelyn Bedka (10)

"Next year I plan to improve my game and be able to play the best that I can."

- Morgan Salazar (11)

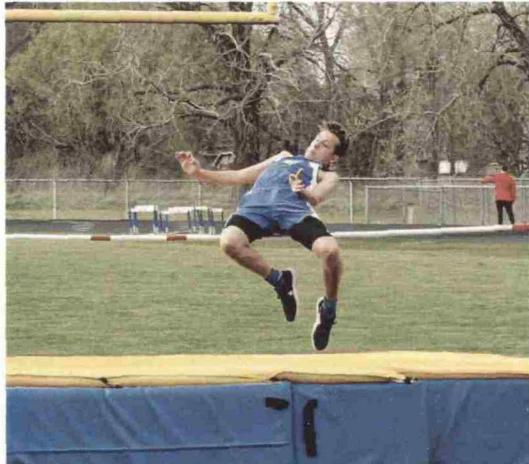
"The most interesting thing about playing tennis is learning how competitive the sport really is."

- Erica Castillo (10)

"My favorite memory from the season was at Crown Point when we boycotted the rain. We ended up staying on the bus for two hours."

- Kenna Crowel (11)

Believe And It Will Happen



In honor of their sectional championship, the boys track team posed for a celebratory picture at East Chicago Central High School. With an effort to mark his steps, Dean Foundos (10) took run a out to the sand pit. In preparation for a successful relay race, Sasa Zdrnja (11) headed out to the track to his starting position. After following through with his start, Joshua Maticik (9) launched into the air to clear the pole. Quickly thumbing the running watch on his right wrist, Cristian Zendejas (12) started off on the right foot after Estevan Ramirez (11) handed off the baton.

Track isn't all about winning...



During a relay race, Eric Alegre (10) took off on his first stretch of his leg at a home meet for the Trojans. Taking time out for a team meeting after a meet, Coach Corey Bailey congratulated his team for a job well done. In anticipation of a needed recovery, Donald Toweson (12) collected a bag of ice from the athletic trainer. Hastily working to do his best, Matthew Roach (10) initiated his best run for his leg of the relay. Rarely found deserted, Cristian Zendejas (12) ran along side of his fierce competition during the two mile run.

2017 Sectional Champions

"Everybody dreams of winning state, but you can't get there without winning a sectional first," Coach Corey Bailey told his athletes just a year ago. As the team followed through with the expectations in their pre-season weight program, the hunger for success grew. Sprinters, throwers, jumpers, and distance all alike knew they had to increase their strength and stamina to bring home a sectional title. And on May 18, 2017 the boys track team did just that. For the first time in 27 years, Highland brought back the sectional championship. With the combination of Avery Poelinitz (11), Gannon Grider (11) and Trent Slaven (10) in the throwing rings, strong distance running from Tristen Comer (12) and Benjamin Salinas (9), and sprints from Andrew Carstensen (12), Highland broke Munster's sectional streak. The boys had a strong sense of belief in them and they were able to follow through. **Page and Photos by:** David Mendoza
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"The team is like family, it is not about winning, it is about wanting it."
Kevin Hasier (10)

"It's about pushing yourself further than you ever thought."
Ben Salinas (9)



"It's about achieving a goal worth working for."
Vinnie Bovino (11)

POST SEASON SUCCESS

*placing better than
Highland had since
1990*

2nd for Victoria Guerrero (9) in 100m hurdles, 200m dash, and long jump during NCC

4th for Audrey Zoeteman (9) in 4x400 relay during sectionals

5th for Victoria Guerrero (9), Zoie Ison (10), and Hailey Childress (9) in 4x100 relay during NCC

5th for Chloe Rivera (12) in shot put during NCC

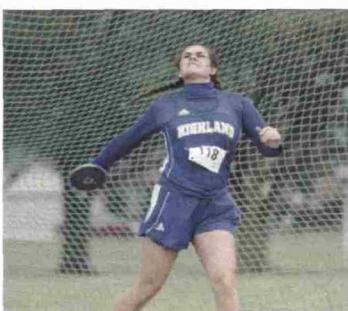
6th for Mackenzie Pickens (10) in 400m dash during NCC

7th for Elisha Maticik (12) in pole vault which set a new school record of 6ft 2in during NCC

9th for Marley Salinas (11) in 1600m run during NCC

11th for Leah Clark (12) in 300m hurdles during NCC

15th for Audrey Zoeteman (9) in 200m dash during sectionals



Right in step with her teammate, Reilly Panozzo (12) prepared to be handed off the baton to complete her portion of the relay. **With all of her strength** and concentration focused on this one moment in time, Chloe Rivera's (12) emotion was vividly portrayed through her facial expression. **Fixated on her strides**, Mackenzie Pickens (10) started off her race strong and on the right foot. **Reaching for** each other's hands, Reilly Panozzo (12) stretched to hand off the baton to Kayla Polen (10).



With a smile on their faces, the runners of the 4x800 race Ciera Lee (10), Moriah McCormick (12), Kayla Polen (10), and Grace Aurand (9) posed together for a group victory picture.

Drowning out the background noise, Michaela Schmidt (10) concentrated on the race that had just begun.





Girls Run the World

Don't chase your dreams, run them down

Strength, determination, and teamwork were a few of the many essential traits the girls track team possessed, which helped them work toward success. "You have to have confidence in yourself and in your team. You also need to be hardworking and willing to leave everything on the track," confessed Michaela Schmidt (10). After the long, dedicated hours on the track, Schmidt still continued to learn more about herself and her capabilities. "I learned that hard work and

dedication will get you far in whatever you do, but if you set your mind to it and work for it, you can accomplish anything." Just like Schmidt, runner Kayla Polen (10) also went through experiences that turned into life lessons. "I learned that all you can do is your best at all times and sometimes things won't work out the way you want it to, but you have to stay positive." This positivity and determination guided Polen and her team throughout the season. The runners who

competed in the 800 meter relay: Polen, Ciera Lee (10), Moriah McCormick (12), and Grace Aurand (9), all worked together and progressed to state. Their amazing state qualifying time not only meant they were headed to Bloomington, but also marked a school record. Highland High School's very own girls track members devoted themselves to this sport and proved to everyone one thing: girls really do run the world.

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Smiles shined bright on the faces of the runners of the 4x800 relay race while the girls took a victory picture minutes after qualifying for state.

Hands hovering inches over the sand pit, Sydney Flick (10) balanced herself as she completed her event. **Twisting her back** Skylar Guffey (11) turned toward Marley Salinas' (11) outstretched arm when she received the baton.

Freshman Baseball



Scores Not Reported

ROW 1: Conner Olah, Matthew Mendoza, Jacob Domagalski, Joseph Thompson, Riley Bertalan, Tristen Hendricks, Justin Bogner **ROW 2:** Benjamin Strode, Anthony Villarreal, Hoyt Bennett, Volunteer Coach Will Kerber, Coach Sam Michel, Volunteer Coach Nik Mason, Andrew Cison, Gene Shamel

JV Baseball



@ Michigan City 2-17 W
Vs. East Chicago 17-0 W
@ Merrillville 1-17 W
Vs. Gavit 25-0 W
@ Lake Central 6-1 L
Vs. Griffith 11-1 W
@ Griffith 1-4 W
@ Lowell 5-11 W
Vs. Lowell 16-9 W
Vs. Hobart 13-6 W
@ Hobart 5-7 W
@ Morton 0-20 W

Vs. Chesterton 5-5 T
@ Andrean 3-7 W
Vs. Andrean 5-1 W
Vs. Hanover 8-2
Vs. Crown Point 2-6 L
Vs. Kankakee Valley 2-1 W
@ Boone Grove 1-12 W
Vs. Valparaiso 6-2 W
@ Munster 0-4 W
Vs. Munster 10-14 L
Vs. Bishop Noll 8-7 W

ROW 1: Nolan Rhyne, Frank Vargas, Nathan Matthews, Justin Stewart, Raul Maldonado, Lee Smith, Anthony Reid **ROW 2:** Collin Kinley, Meet Patel, Jordan Siska, Alex Dickey, Steven Niemann, Brian Burbridge, Armando Salinas **ROW 3:** Gavin Holder, Coach Aaron Bugajski, Coach David Cotner, Volunteer Coach Bugajski

Varsity Baseball



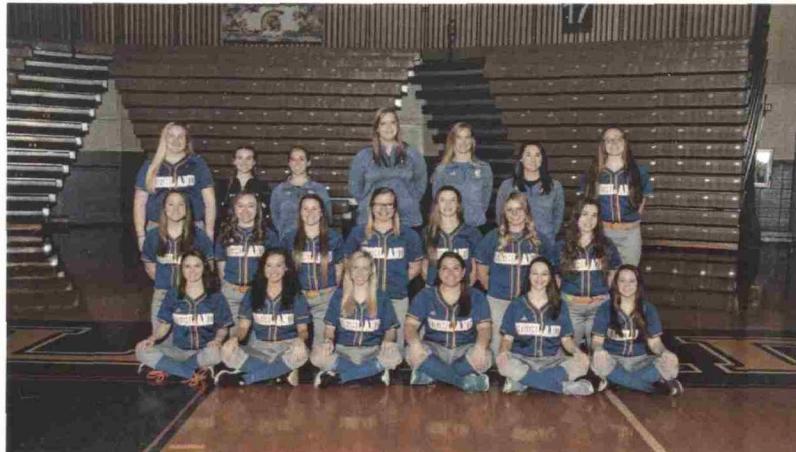
Vs. Valparaiso 3-4 W
@ Bishop Noll 7-3 W
@ Munster 14-1 W
Vs. Munster 7-8 W
@ Chesterton 9-5 W
Vs. Hebron 10-0 L
Vs. Kankakee Valley 0-2W
@ Kankakee Valley 4-5 L
@ Washington Township 8-2 W
@ West Side 13-0 W
@ Andrean 4-2 W
Vs. Andrean 4-2 L
Vs. Morton 0-11 W

@ Hobart 6-5 W
@ Lowell 2-6 L
Vs. Lowell 6-8 W
@ Merrillville 11-5 W
Vs. Griffith 9-13 W
@ Griffith 0-5 L
@ Gavit 16-1 W
@ Whiting 18-1 W
@ Hanover Central 11-3 W
@ LaPorte 3-14 L
Vs. South Bend Adams 9-12 W
@ New Prairie 3-6 L
Vs. Hobart 3-9 W

ROW 1: David Long, Sullivan Stickann, Arick Casiano, Steven Fowler, Anthony Magallon, Nathan Riffle, Mark DeLeon **ROW 2:** Matthew Domagalski, Christopher Manyek, Volunteer Coach Bryan Gordon, Coach John Bogner, Coach Matthew Bugaski, Trevor O'Donnell, Patrick Manyek **ROW 3:** Patrick Ohaver (Athletic Trainer), Bradley Spellings, Damen Castillo, Nicholas Anderson, Corey Kijurna, Jack Holl, Anthony Gibson

Varsity Softball

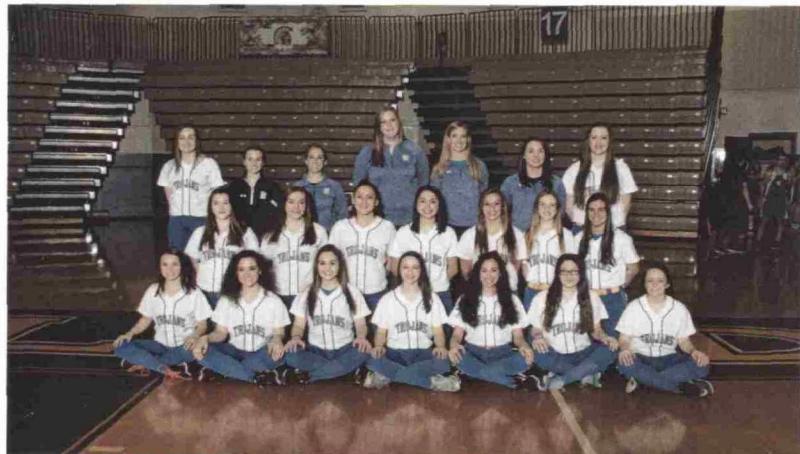
Illiana Christian 5-1W	Lowell 5-6 L
Merrillville 7-5 W	Hobart 11-1 W
Hammond Morton 12-2 W	Andrean 2-1 W
Valparaiso 1-5 L	Chesterton 2-5 L
Valparaiso 9-15 L	Hammond Bishop Noll 4-3 W
Lowell 4-1 W	Crown Point 0-6 L
Hobart 7-4 W	Hanover Central 0-6 L
Kankakee Valley 1-4 L	Lake Central 4-2 W
Andrean 7-5 W	Portage 10-9 W
Griffith 8-0 W	*Hammond Clark 5-0 W
Munster 0-8 L	*Hammond 15-0 W
Wheeler 3-0 W	*Griffith 1-0 W
Hammond Gavit 13-0 W	**Kankakee Valley 0-6 L
Griffith 6-0 W	*Sectionals ** Regionals



ROW 1: Jordyn Dooley, Danielle Fowler, Jacey Bertalan, Kaitlyn Pecoski, Amanda Hoffman, Felicity Plant **ROW 2:** Carley Ramirez, Elizabeth Hoffman, Jamie Gessler, Kiley Elbaor, Morgan Rinkema, Sydni Gizynski, Courtney Morton **ROW 3:** Alyssa Kammer, Aislinn Cichon, Coach Meredith Cioffi, Coach Sarah Funston, Coach Angie Richwalski, Coach Jessica Brannagan, Olivia Gibson **Not pictured:** Nicole Czarnecki

JV Softball

Vs. Illiana Christian 17-7 W	Vs. Valparaiso 21-5 W
@ Hammond Morton 11-9 W	@ Munster 7-1 W
@ Lowell 15-2 L	@ Kankakee Valley 8-0 W
@ Hobart 10-0 L	@ Chesterton 5-4 L
Vs. Kankakee Valley 8-2 L	@ Lowell 2-1 L
@ Griffith 2-1 W	@ Valparaiso 10-8 L
Vs. Munster 11-10 L	Vs. North Newton 2-1 W
@ Wheeler 14-4 W	@ Crown Point 8-3 L
Vs. Boone Grove 7-6 W	Vs. Hanover Central 14-0 W
Vs. Griffith 6-4 W	@ Lake Central 4-0 L
Vs. Lowell 12-5 L	@ Portage 6-4 W
Vs. Crown Point 15-5 L	



ROW 1: Jordyn Dooley, Arianna Winchell, Morgan Wynn, Amanda Hoffman, Elena Figueroa, Erica Lopez, Felicity Plant **ROW 2:** Destiny Ruiz, Amanda Cruse, Cecilia, Arianna Dmytriw, Jessica Hanson, Emma Hamilton, Hallie Ryzewski **ROW 3:** Danielle Opitz, Aislinn Cichon, Coach Meredith Cioffi, Coach Sarah Funston, Coach Angie Richwalski, Coach Jessica Brannagan, Garran Grider

Girls Tennis



ROW 1: Ella Crowel, Maryam Ayyad, Alexandra Rose, Morgan Salazar, Ashley Gomez, Esmeralda Perez, Abigail Acres, Bonnie Butler, Erica Castillo, Lauren Frick **ROW 2:** Erica Felix, Estrella Gutierrez-Solis, Megan Szymanski, Kenna Crowel, Jenna Holguin, Jenna Turpin, Gloria Linkiewicz, Emily Marvel, Megan McCarty, Jennifer Sheehan, D'Jesenia Torres, Nevaeh Miranda **ROW 3:** Coach Terry Steenson, Olivia Casiano, Katelyn Bedka, Sunshynn Magee, Cloe Schipper, Madison Correy, Danielle Hernandez, Jacqilyn Acevez, Clarissa Koutz, Sarah Peters

Girls Track



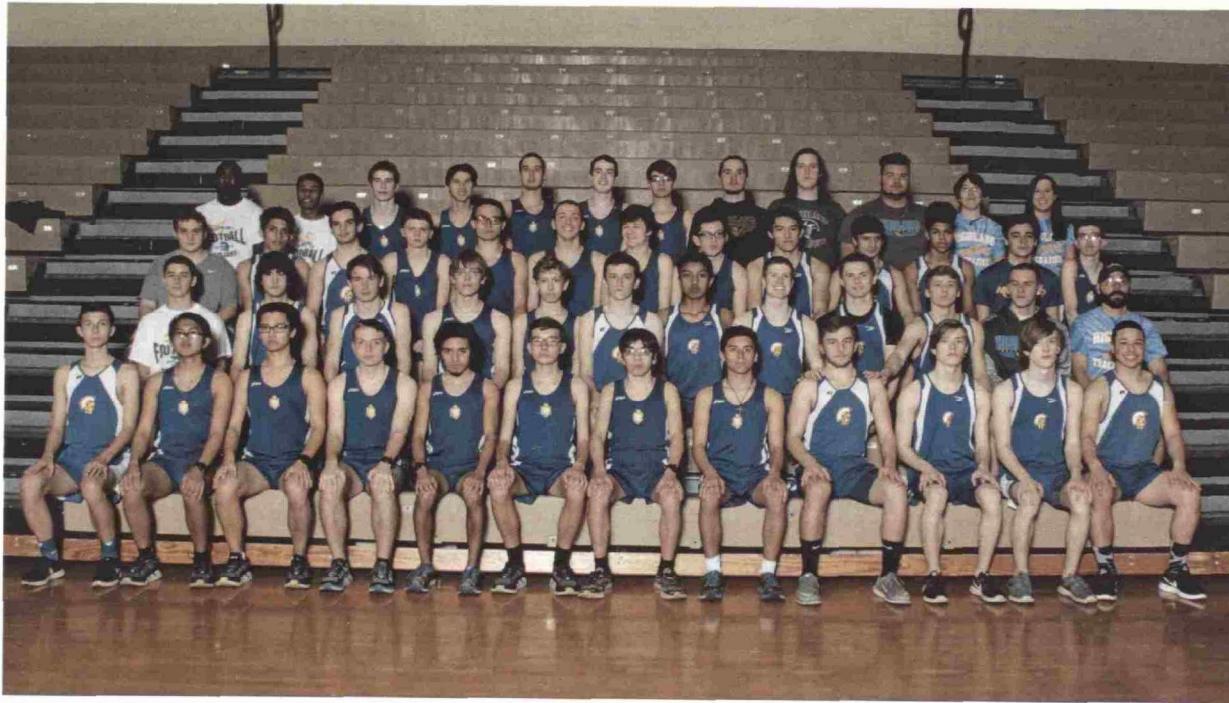
ROW 1: Destiny Rodriguez, Elisha Maticik, Hailey Childress, Aylin Chavez, Marley Salinas, Ciera Lee, Giavonna Venturella, Lauren Toth, Miyah Hinkel **ROW 2:** Jordan Rhoten, Skylar Guffey, Mackenzie Pickens, Jaquelyne Arellano, Morgan Koble, Duha Nassar, Victoria Guerrero, Audrey Zoeteman, Madelyn Smigla, Leah Clark, AnnaBelle Rivera **ROW 3:** Meaghan Hillier, Mykenzie Avila, Reilly Panozzo, Kayla Polen, Kristen Toth, Chloe Rivera, Zoie Ison, Sydney Flick, Stephanie Narantic, Madeline Revercomb **ROW 4:** Coach Bailey, Coach Lukowski, Moriah McCormick, Kaitlyn Moore, Lillian Kosior, Katherine Brankin, Grace Aurand, Michaela Schmidt, Sierra Hinkel, Coach Oaks, Coach Gilmore,

Boys Golf



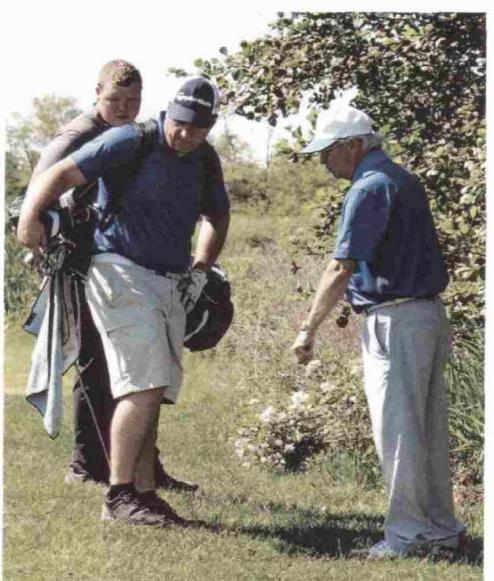
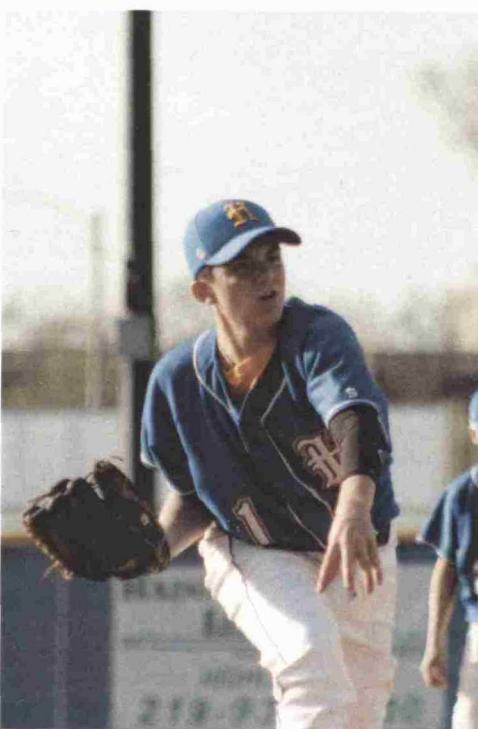
ROW 1: Joshua Krull, Mitchell Brumley, Robert Patterson, Joshua Rudloff **ROW 2:** Kolin Palmer, Alexander Fitt, Harrison Bronisz, Frederick Kepler, Andrew Johnsen **ROW 3:** Kodie Wilson, Hunter Houchin, Mason Gluth, James Jamroz, Coach Richardson

Boys Track



ROW 1: Joshua Matiscik, Eric Alegre, Nicolas Hernandez, Logan Andreatta, Cristian Chavez, Vincent Bovino, Mateo Garcia, Alexander Salazar, Jacob Korcha, Jack Mulligan, Joshua Mulligan, Kaiden Smolar **ROW 2:** David Hause, Kyler Tanis, Donald Toweson, Kevin Hasier, Nicholas Markus, Colin Lenzo, Maximus Campos, Hunter Reilly, Andrew Carstensen, Logan Theisen, Trent Slaven, Coach Lukowski, **ROW 3:** Noah Vanhoose, Tristen Comer, Jacob Celestin, Tristian Celmer, Sasa Zdrnjia, Estevan Ramirez, Graem Stickann, Joseph Silva, Rafael Rios, Ethan Celestin, Anthony Caraballo, Mark Alvarado, Joshua Cox **ROW 4:** Coach Bailey, Orlando Avila, Garret Hudnall, Benjamin Salinas, Cristian Zendejas, Matthew Roach, Bryce Fulkerson, Shane Kline, Gannon Grider, Avery Poelinitz, Coach Oaks, Coach Gilmore





Musical Class Choices

Curricular and Extra Curricular

Highland students have three options when it comes to expressing their love of music during their scheduled school day.



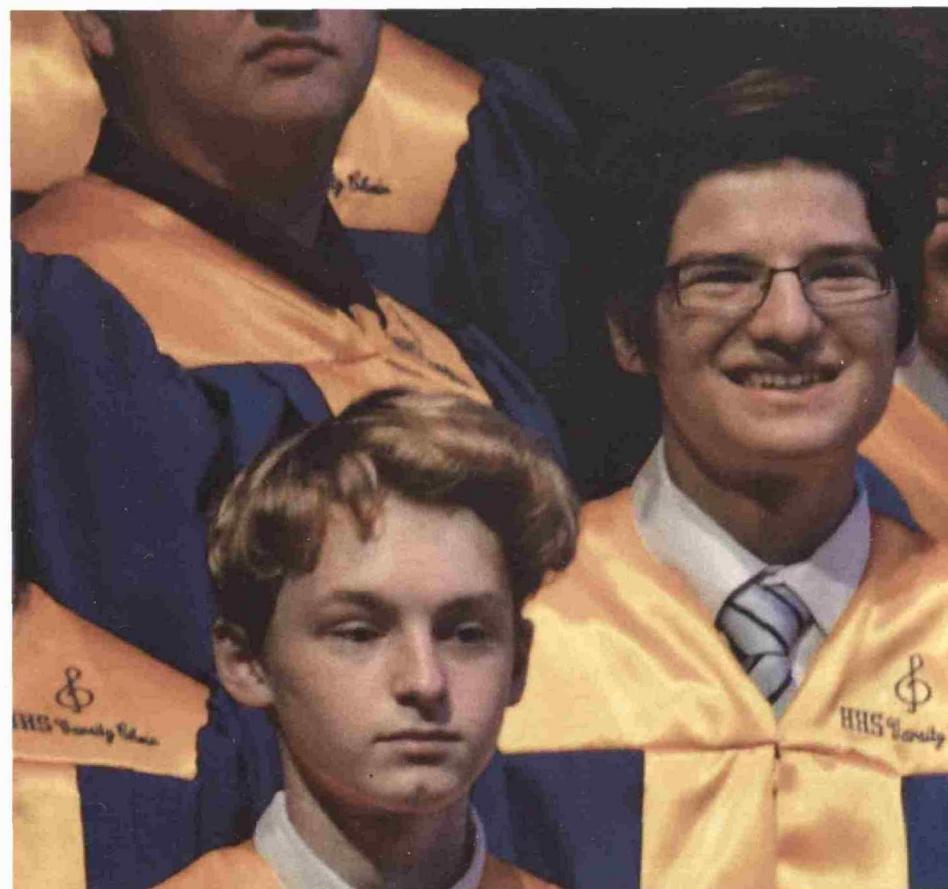
BAND With choice of winds or percussion performed and competed at a variety of levels throughout the school year. Earning high rankings in marching, solo, ensemble and concert competitions proved that practice helps.



CHOIR Dressed in polos or robes, the various choirs sang their hearts out while in class and at multiple performances. Whether on stage at Monbeck Auditorium or at a local elementary school, their voices were heard.



ORCHESTRA With a new director at the helm, violins, violas, cellos and bass found new rhythms under the experience Mr. Benjamin Leonard-White brought to the program. High rankings in ISSMA competition were earned for a majority of the students.



Orchestra

The magnificent music was produced by Highland's most talented musicians.



MY MUSIC WILL TELL YOU MORE ABOUT ME THAN I EVER WILL

Performing in front of a crowd of many people can be scary, but these students did not let stage freight get the best of them. Although they might have been nervous, no one had noticed because their concentration and perfect playing was phenomenal.



Perfect Performance

Clad in his blue and gold gown, Nico Gutierrez-Solis (9) stood smiling during his first high school choir concert. Focused on reading his sheet music, Joshua Cox (9) poured his heart out while performing in a concert playing his baritone.

"Orchestra is a great way to let go of some stress and just enjoy the beauty of music."

Karli Byrd (10)

"Choir is a lot different from any other class, because you and your classmates act as a team. ... You're almost like a family by relying and bonding with each other."

Kyrstyn Glover (11)
w/ Jack Lebeter (11)



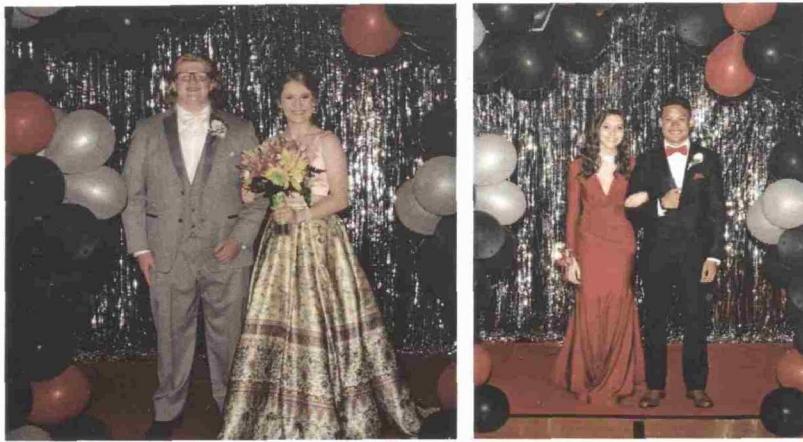
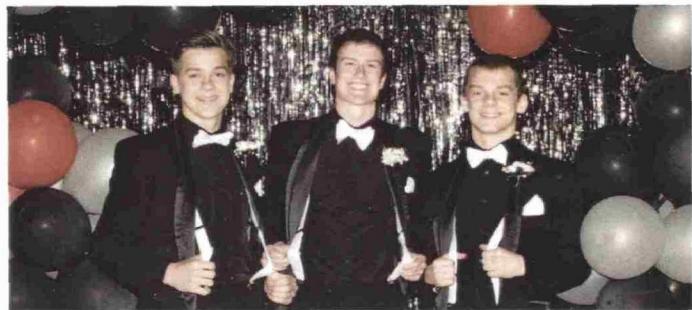
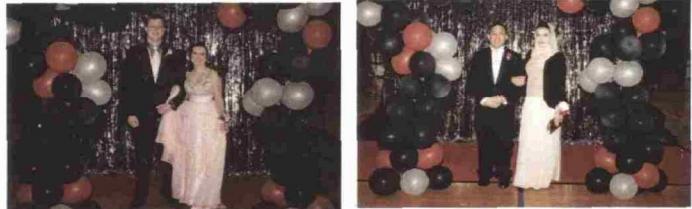
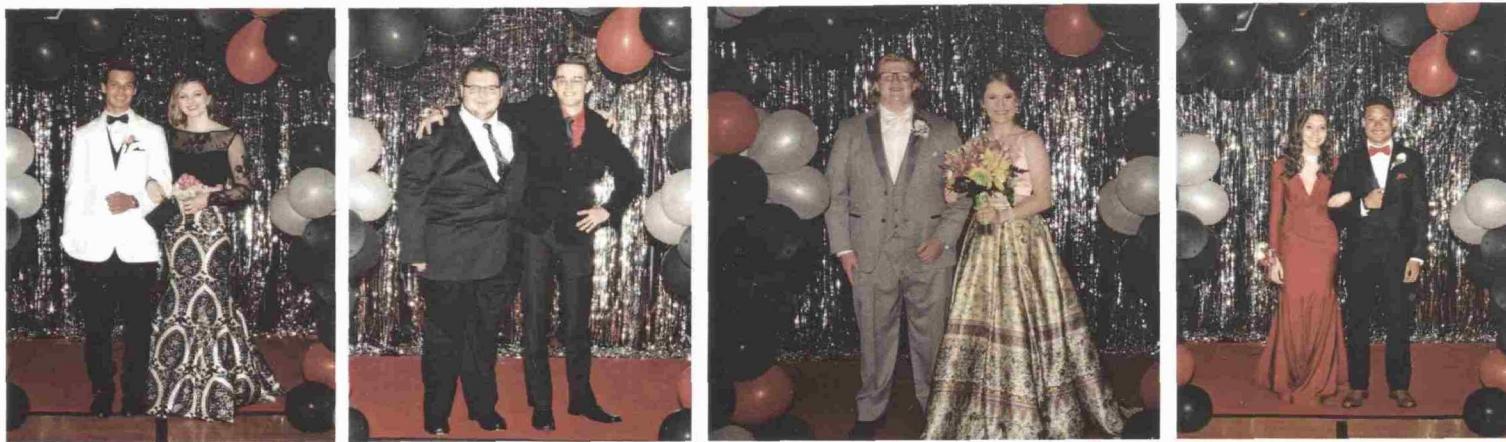
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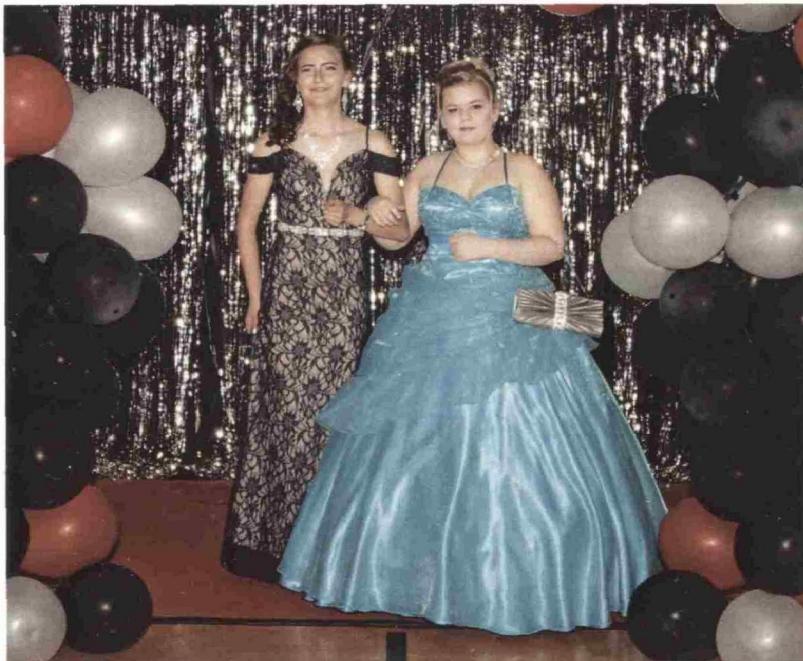
The day of the concert was the day when musicians' long, hard hours of practice paid off, when all their frustrations and worries could be released through the beautiful melody of their instrument, and when their skills impressed the audience, leaving them in awe. The mellifluous music the audience heard revealed none of the struggles any of the talented musicians encountered. Average weeks demanded for long hours sheet reading, hours of tutoring, and of playing. Complicated assignments and seemingly impossible chords may seem like a draw back at first, but these tasks helped improve not only the musician's skill but also their time management, perseverance, and patience. **Page by:** Paige Fanning and Dalilah Vaquera **Photos by:** Ms. Sherri Ralph

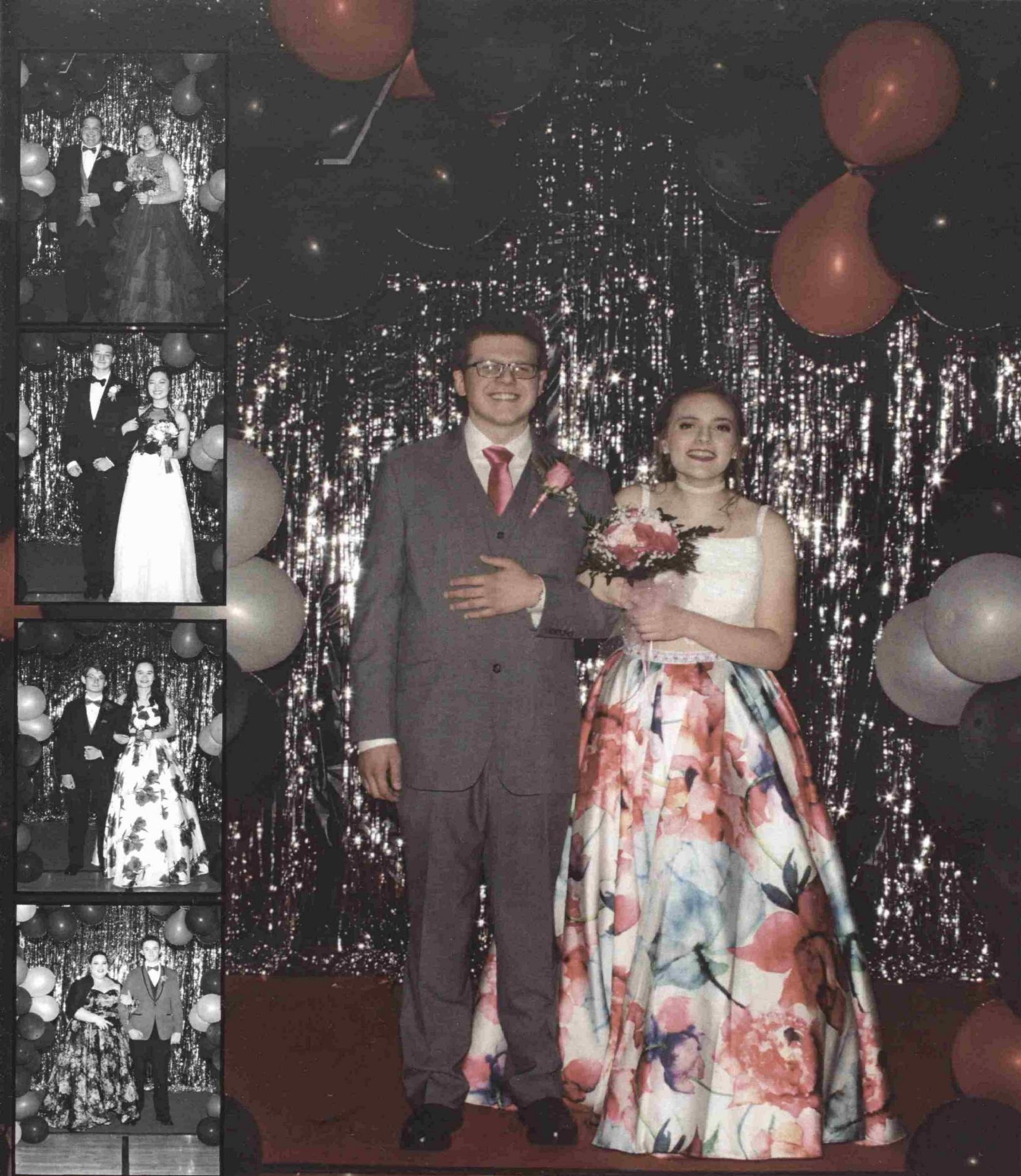


With an important role in the concert, Clarissa Koutz's (9) contribution of her own musical style into the band really helped emphasize and complete the songs.



While the rain fell outside and Main Square Park was off limits due to a scheduled event, Highland students made an appearance for a picture on the red carpet for the annual Grand March.



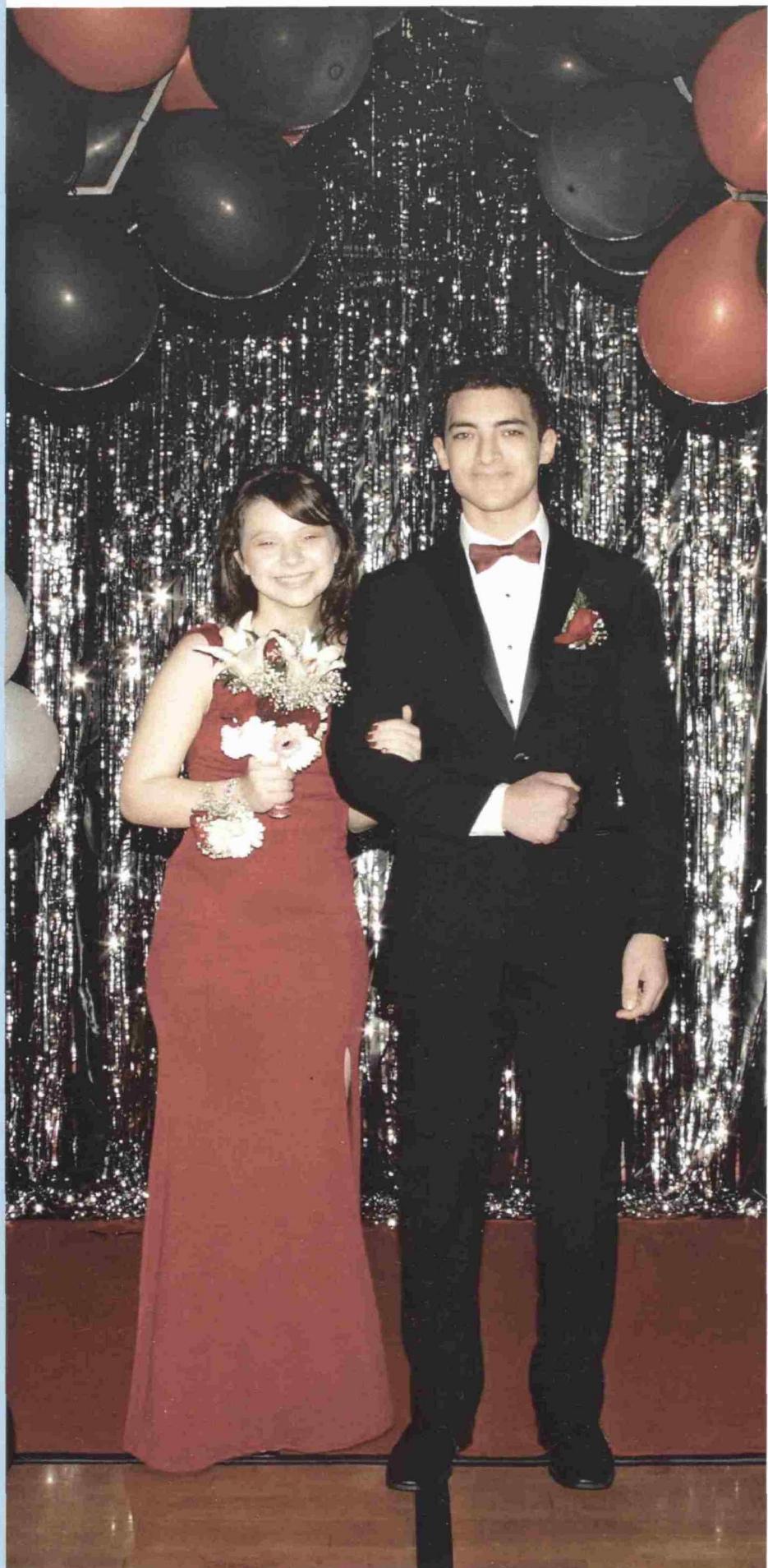


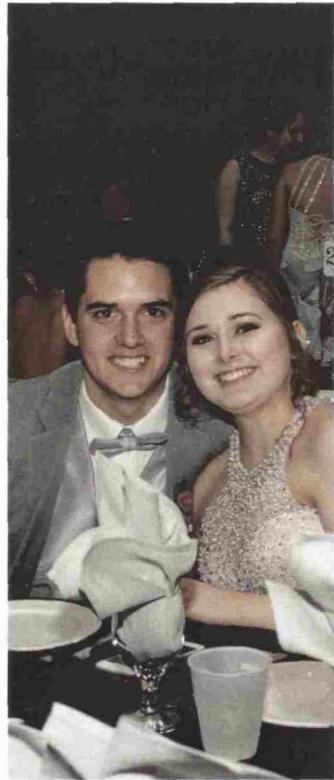
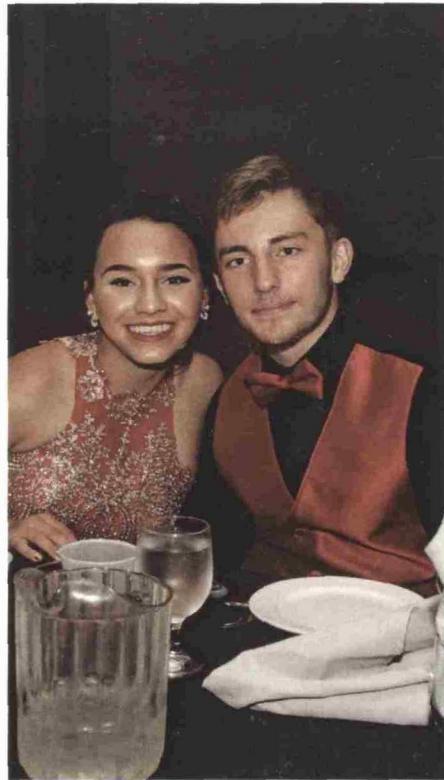
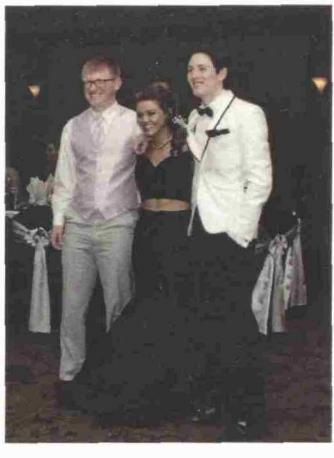
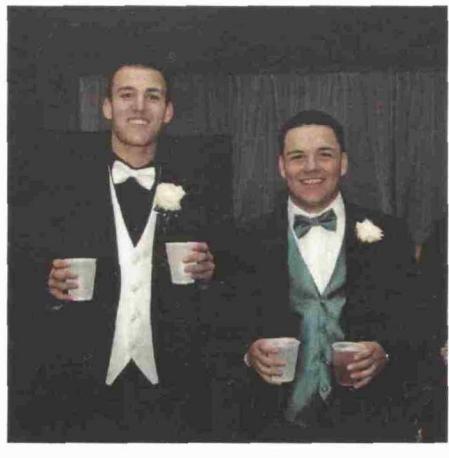
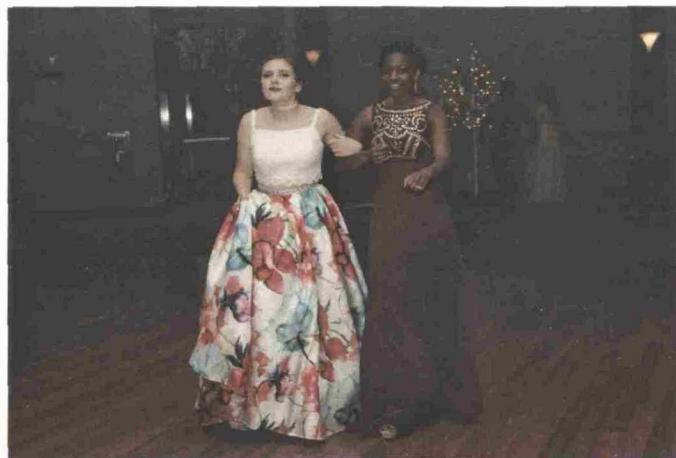
A Picture Perfect Entrance

Grand March

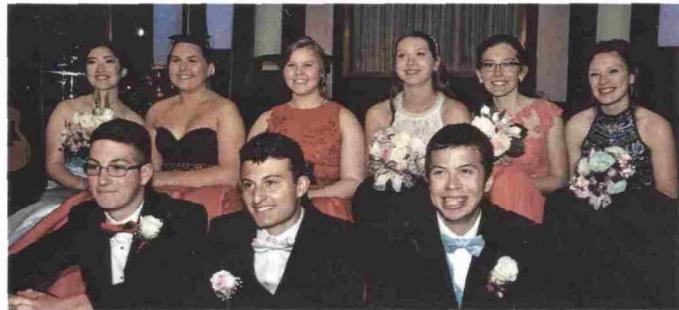
Rain Won't Stop Our Smiles

With heavy rain falling on prom for the second year in a row, the attendees had to be cautious on where they stood, careful not to ruin their glamorous attire. Unlike the apple orchard location for prom last year, Halls of St. George in Schererville gave the students a dry place to wait inside and out of the rain before the dance started. This seemingly gloomy situation of pouring rain came with a few bright sides. The extra time indoors gave the students an opportunity to check in with faculty and vote for prom king and queen. For extravagant events like these, there is always the slight possibility for something to go wrong. Thankfully, help from the awesome co-sponsors of the junior class, Mrs. Brenda Richardson and Miss Sandra Malagon, gave girls the full prom experience. Of their creative ideas, putting an emergency supply basket in the girls' bathroom was one of the most successful. This small act helped prevent the night from going wrong. Making unforgettable memories with great friends and faculty at prom didn't come to an end for all the students. Although some closed the night by saying their goodbyes and going home, others followed up the event with even more memorable experiences. **Page by: Zoe Kim Photos by: Inter State Studios**



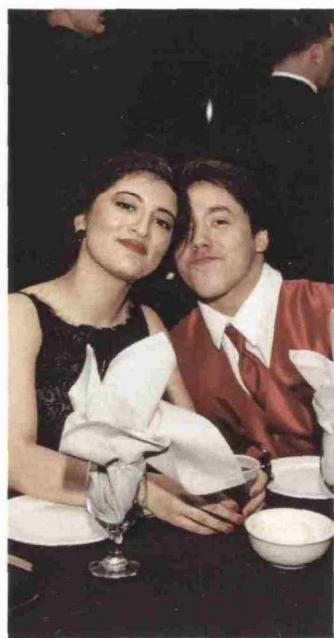
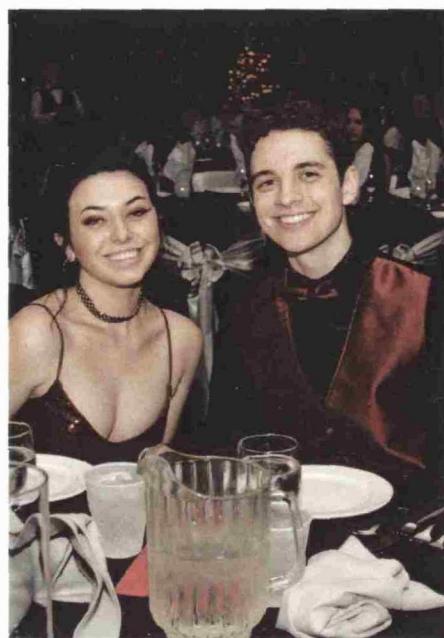


Walking back to the dance floor Jordan Rhoten (12) and Leah Clark (12) join their friends dancing. **With smiles** on their faces, Jack Holl (12) and Nathan Riffle (12) bring beverages to their dates at prom. **Posing for the camera** Alexander Fitt (12), and Tyler Brankin (11) along with graduate Megan O'Donnell smiled for the picture to be taken by Alexus Mathis (12). **Enjoying their night** Jacob Korcha (11) and his date Giavonna Venturella (10) smiled while dressed elegantly in red. **Having a blast** Faith Zimmerman (11) and her date, Jacob Collins of Griffith enjoy their picture perfect evening together.



"It went really good. Just the background no one knew what it was and blended into it" Riley Cruse (11).

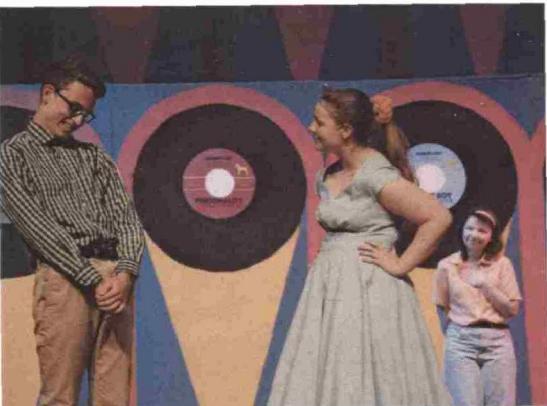
"After leaving the dance my date and I went to Sugar Factory. When we were finished he took me to Navy Pier where we walked along the shoreline. I got my dress wet, but it was worth it" Samantha Bugno (11).



"My best memory was dancing with my friends and my worst memory was getting ready (for the dance)" Izabel Toro (12).

"Prom was more than amazing" Hunter Houchin (11).

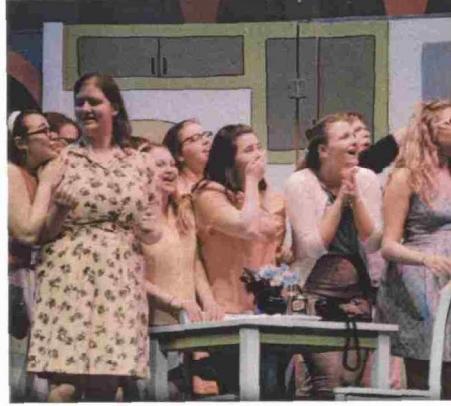
Right in step with one another, the cast finished a large number. **As the girls recited the** “Conrad Birdie Pledge”, Kennedy Vernengo (10) and Zach Fraley (12) shared a cute moment. **In costume**, Jessica Klacik (11) was a believable “May”, even speaking in her accent. **After sound-check**, members of the cast posed for a cute photo in front of the set. **Capturing the attention** of the audience, “Albert” contorted “Conrad Birdie’s” face into a smile as “Mr. Macafee” blew a kiss.



With a blush on his cheeks, Christopher Peters (11) listened as Erin Perry (9) recited her lines.



Surrounded by singing boys, Kennedy Vernengo (10) tried to make a phone call.

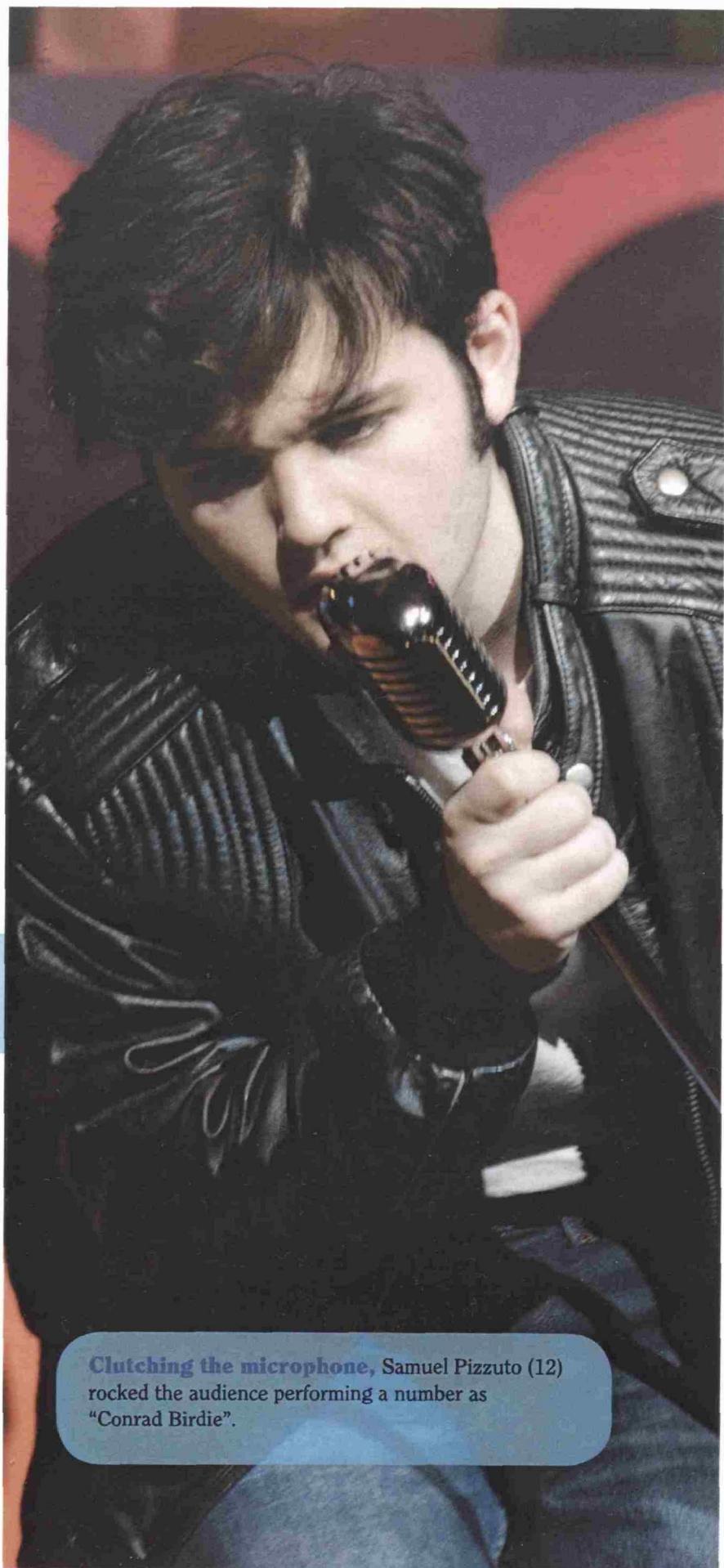


Like a pack of rabid dogs, the fans eagerly waited for their beloved “Conrad Birdie” to arrive.

Bye Bye!

"We love you, Conrad!" were the words that were repeated many a time through the course of the show. These words were stuck in student and families' heads whether they wanted them to or not. Bye Bye Birdie was a hit among the viewers, the crew, and the cast. Cast members felt connected as everyone stood on stage, belting out the notes to the final number of act one. Christian Moore (10), a crew member said, "The two most impressive songs to me were 'Put On A Happy Face' and 'Spanish Rose'. That note she [Kennedy Vernengo] hit was impressive." Brianna Loudermilk, another sophomore, said, "'Honestly Sincere' was my favorite, mostly because of Sam's hip gyrations. I feel like Sam did it really well. He nailed that Elvis-like character." The characters portrayed in the show were spot on, very well done. Erin Perry (9) played Kim Macafee. When asked her favorite part of the show and her reasoning for auditioning she replied, "I'd have to say my favorite part of Bye Bye Birdie is being able to work and have fun with so many talented people that I've really gotten to know and love. It's one thing to make a good performance but it's another to really bond with your cast and become a big family, which will in turn yield a better, more lively, fun show. I've auditioned for every show this year and when I heard we were doing Bye Bye Birdie I knew I had to audition. I've always loved this show and it's silly, lighthearted dance numbers and swung or sweet songs. And on top of that, Highland Theatre Company is a solid organization. We aren't going to throw together a haphazard show, if we're gonna do it, we're gonna do it right, which means it's not only experience for someone who loves and wants to perform, but it's guaranteed to be positive, constructional experience!" The show was top notch. It was a hit. It will be a hard one to top next year. **Page by: Paige Fanning** **Photos**

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Spring Musical



Clutching the microphone, Samuel Pizzuto (12) rocked the audience performing a number as "Conrad Birdie".

Leaving Highland With An Education

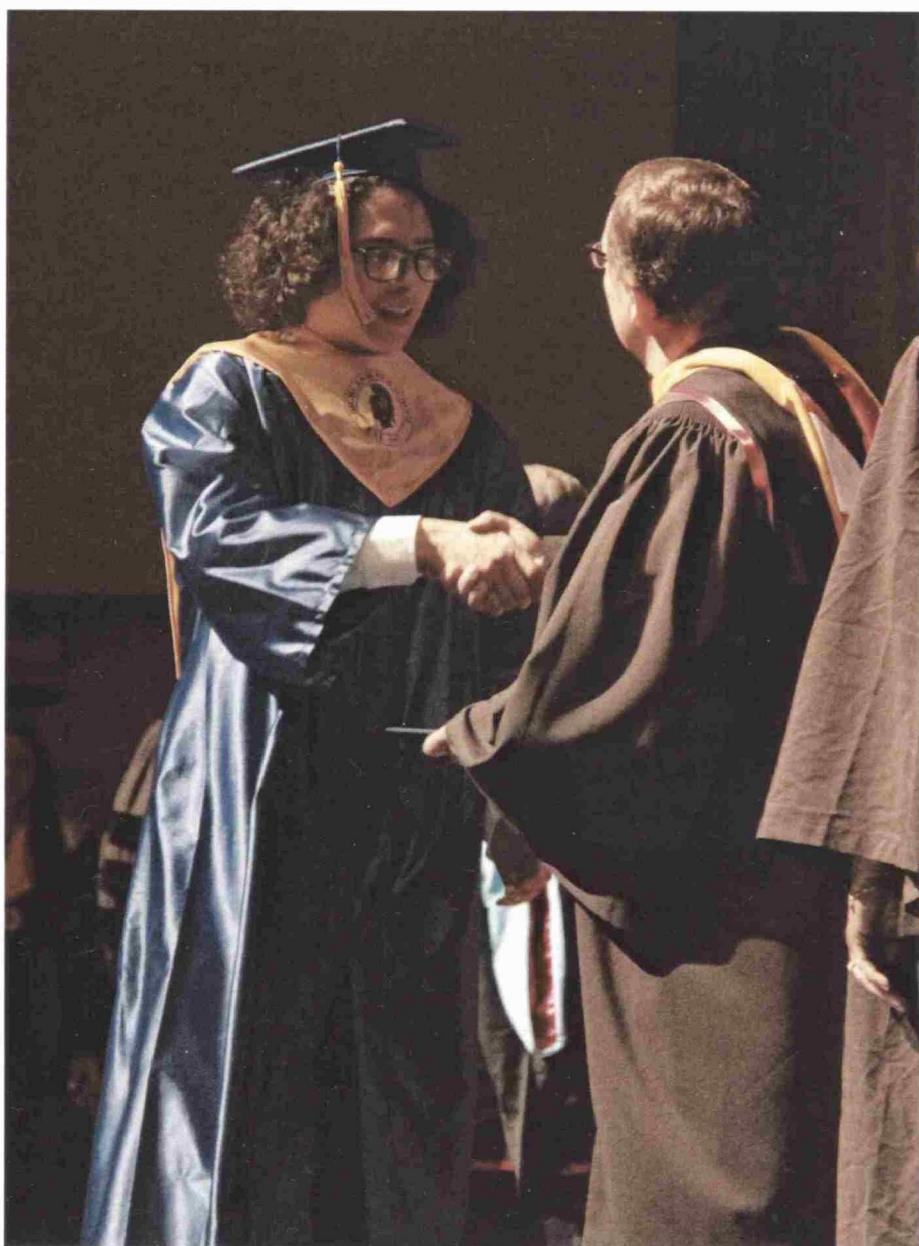
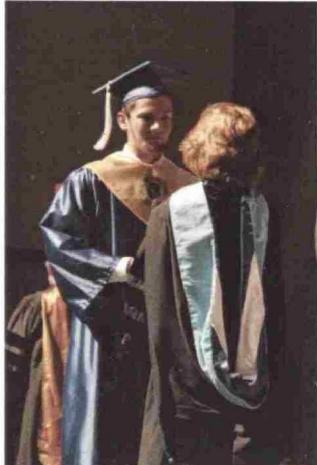
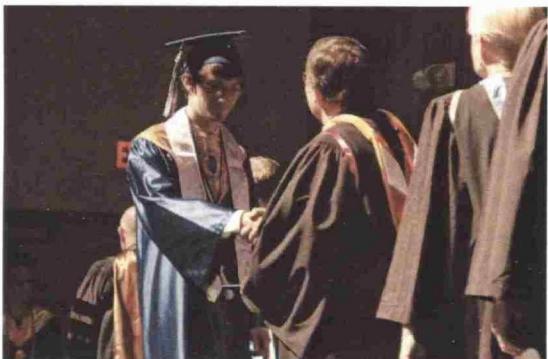
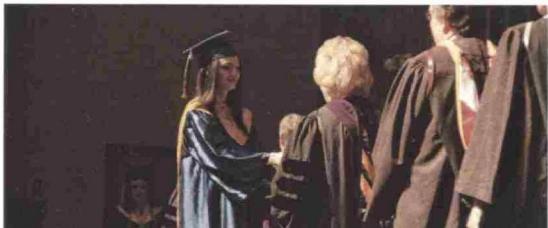
“Education is a tool which we cannot let go of.”

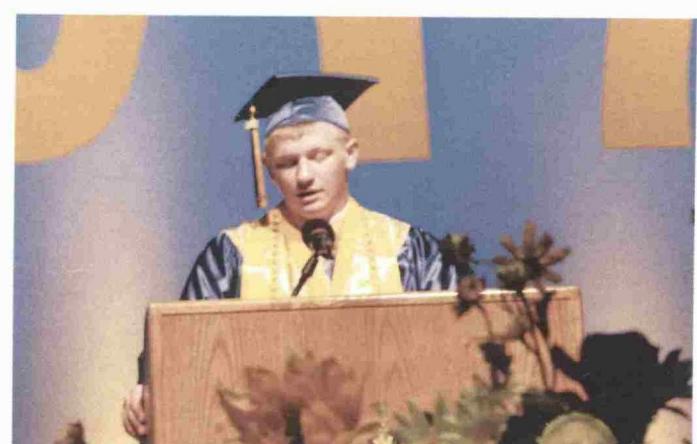
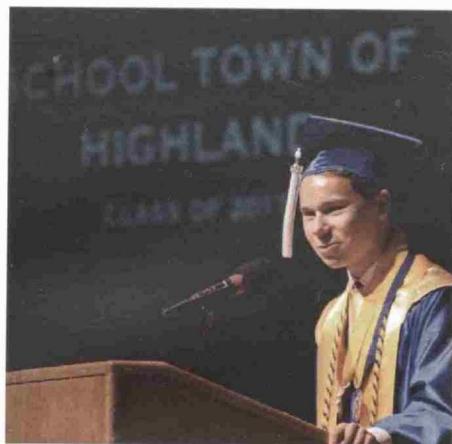
- Zachary Fraley (12)

Proudly shaking Mr. Patrick Krull's hand, Yvette Puentes (12) smiled and walked across the auditorium stage for the last time of her high school career.

Moments before he was awarded his diploma, Victor Ornelas (12) confidently shook School Board Member, Mr. Patrick Krull's hand.

While others waited patiently in their seats, Alexandra Lawrence (12) gladly accepts her diploma from School Board Member, Mrs. Carol Green-Fraley. **To get ready for his future**, Evan Michner (12) has his essential diploma in hand. With a smile on her face, Dr. Sherri Mitchell hands her grandson, Cory Helton his high school diploma.

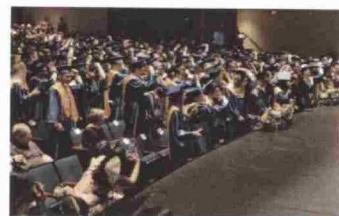
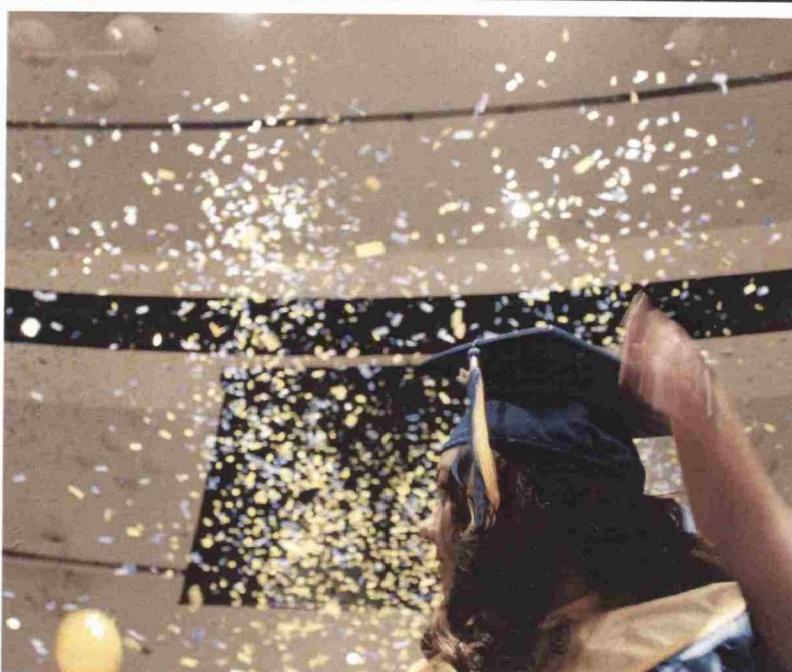




With a grade point average of 4.62 Zachary Fraley (12) had the honor of presenting his class of 2017 by being valedictorian and giving a phenomenal speech. **A long heartfelt hug** was shared between the graduating senior and his best friend. **Giving the salutatory speech**, Alexander Fitt (12) became emotional due to the sincerity of his message. **Looking into the crowd** filled of proud and admiring parents, Angel Martinez (12) watched as her classmates filed into the auditorium for their graduation ceremony. **With thumbs still on their tassels**, the class of 2017's high school career officially came to an end.



For the last time, talented vocalists Samuel Pizzuto (12), (12), Daniel Larmon (12), and Allison Brown (12) sang their heart out together on stage at the graduation ceremony. **After growing up** in Highland for a majority of their young lives, the graduates' final assignment was to perform at their own graduation. **To add a little fun**, the tradition of confetti raining down continued for the Class of 2017.



Bittersweet smiles were worn brightly by the class of 2017. **Proud parents** took photos and videos of their graduates. **While intently listening** to the speech, Christopher Manyek (12) leaned forward and began to stretch.

Graduation

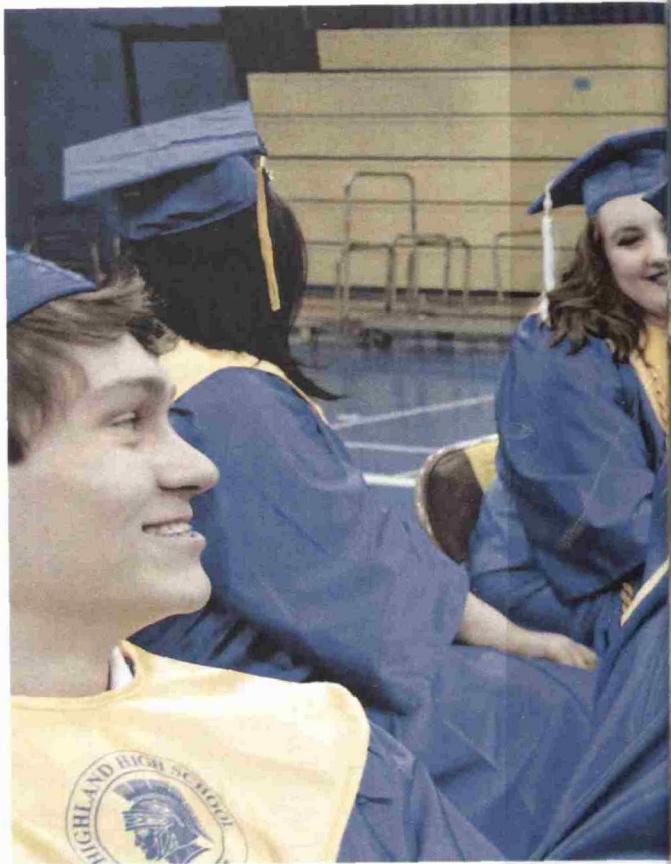
MORE than *Memories*

"Stress compounded with stress, but at the end of the day the only thing I miss and looked forward to was theater, Japanese, and Choir. Make time for everyone and everything because it feels like even though it started a day ago it'll end just as quick."

Michael Wagner (12)



With an arm wrapped around Mark Klemoff (12), Chase Kinley (12) looked a little more excited than sad to graduate. **Fighting tears of joy**, new graduates Matthew Burleson (12) and Jermaine Doss (12) smiled for pictures before moving on. **Growing up** was something Brianne Giba (12), Anthony Gibson (12), and Kellsie Gollhardt (12) had to do a great deal of while in Highland. It was time to move on up. **Patiently waiting** for the ceremony to begin, Iyces Reeves (12), Hailey Rattray (12), and Jordan Quinones (12) sat on the beige foldable chairs inside the blue gym. **After having to wait forever**, Jacqueline Munoz (12) stood and smiled as her name flashed onto the Highland sign. **Smiles shining bright** on their faces, friends Alexandra Lawrence (12) and Megan Lazarine (12) waited in the blue gym minutes before graduation.





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